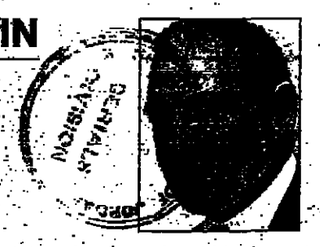
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Air of triumph: Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, celebrating his libel case victory outside the High Court. British Airways apologised to him unreservedly

BA apologises to Branson and pays £610,000 in libel damages

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways yesterday apologised "unreservedly" and agreed to pay £610,000 libel damages to Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, bringing to an end one of the most extraordinary disputes in aviation history.

After the hearing in the High Court, which is thought to have cost BA an additional £3 million in legal fees and could seriously damage its international reputation, a jubilant Mr Branson said that he would not bear a grudge. "BA and Lord King attacked my integrity and that of Virgin Atlantic," he said. "We hope that BA's apology heralds a new era for British aviation and that BA's protestations of good faith are translated into action."

Christopher Clarke QC, counsel for BA, had told the court that allegations made against Mr Branson were "wholly untrue". His clients undertook not to repeat them and apologised unreservedly for the "injury caused to the reputation and feelings of Richard Branson and Virgin Atlantic" and in particular for attacking the "good faith and integrity" of Mr Branson.

The leaders of BA — including Lord King of Wartnaby, the chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, and David Burnside, public affairs director — then distanced themselves from all blame for the libel which, they said, was caused by their employees.

"The investigation which BA carried out during the course of this litigation revealed a number of incidents involving their employees which BA accept were regrettable and gave Richard Branson and Virgin reasonable grounds for concern," Mr Clarke said. "I should like to emphasise that the directors of BA were not party to any concerted campaign against Richard Branson and Virgin."

None of the BA executives would comment last night. Mr Branson was cock-a-hoop at the outcome of the hearing which, he said, was "a complete and total vindication of all of us at Virgin Atlantic".

When asked if he planned to take the matter further, he told *Channel 4 News*: "We would like to think about it. It has cost us many millions in lost revenue. Today was just a libel action. It is possible we might decide to go further, it depends on whether BA's apology was genuine or just forced out of them."



The saga began when Virgin moved much of its operation to Heathrow from Gatwick and began to compete head to head with BA in July 1991, Mr Justice Drake was told. George Carman QC, for Virgin and Mr Branson, said rumours "distinctly hostile" to Virgin began circulating in the press. Information

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US threatens to attack Iraq without warning

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Western patience with Saddam Hussein is running out. As he taunted his opponents yet again, the UN Security Council went into emergency session to debate a tough response

AMERICAN forces will act without warning against President Saddam Hussein if he continues to flout United Nations resolutions, the White House said last night after Iraq's second incursion over the Kuwaiti border in two days.

"It is clear that the raid on Kuwait shows that Saddam is trying to cheat wherever possible," Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman said. "We will demand compliance. Whatever actions are necessary will not be accompanied by warnings."

The threat came as the UN security council held an emergency meeting to consider Saddam's latest provocation, which the secretary-general said should meet with "a very stiff response", and as a UN envoy arrived in Baghdad to demand the return of missiles seized in Sunday's raid. It signalled a growing determination to end for good Iraqi acts of defiance that have escalated sharply in recent days. Officials said Saddam could no longer be allowed to "cheat and retreat" unharmed, having thumbed his nose at the West. He had to be deterred from cheating in the first place. "How long can we continue issuing these statements?" one said. "How long do we keep this up without actually doing something? It's absurd. Tomorrow it's something else, and the day after, something else."

Besides the two raids to retrieve weapons and equipment left in the demilitarised zone after the Gulf war, Saddam has banned UN aircraft from Iraqi airspace and set up anti-aircraft missiles in an exclusion zone in southern Iraq. The missiles were moved only after the West threatened military action, although Saddam insisted that he had not backed down and bowed to the allies' ultimatum and the defence minister declared his determination to free his country of both northern and southern no-fly zones.

In yesterday's raid, a 150-strong demolition crew moved into Kuwaiti territory to dismantle five prefabricated warehouses about half a mile from the bunkers from which weapons, including four Silkworm anti-ship missiles, were taken on Sunday. Unarmed UN observers on the spot warned the raiders that they were breaching the Gulf war ceasefire terms, but were in no position to intervene. In Sunday's 90-minute foray, a UN vehicle was rammed as it tried to prevent hundreds of men in civilian dress loading armaments on to heavy transport vehicles.

The Iraqis claimed they were acting in accordance with a UN agreement that allowed them to collect material from the demilitarised zone before a deadline that expires on Friday, but senior UN officials said last night that the Iraqis had not secured the necessary permits. The agreement does not allow for the removal of any armaments.

Both the bunkers and the warehouses are in an area that was controlled by Baghdad before the Gulf war but then declared Kuwaiti territory by the UN commission that redrew the boundaries after the conflict. The new border, which is being contested by Baghdad, deprives Iraq of its naval port at Umm Qasr and returns to Kuwait a number of wells in the Rumaila oilfield.

Iraq is also refusing to allow UN planes to land and is insisting that UN officials either travel overland or use the national airline, whose aircraft are lying idle because of the international sanctions against Baghdad. Rolf Ekeus, who heads the UN weapons inspection team covering Iraq, said that the ban had left many of his inspectors stranded in Bahrain and could prompt military action by the Gulf war allies.

The Bush administration has already begun consulting its allies over possible reprisals for Iraqi transgressions — one source said last night: "I don't think anything is ruled out." America, Britain and France all have warplanes in the region and an American battle fleet led by the carrier USS *Kitty Hawk* remains on high alert.

Western diplomats believe that Baghdad's demonstrations of defiance since an American fighter shot down an Iraqi MiG in the the southern air exclusion zone on December 27 are designed to test the White House's resolve in the final days of the Bush presidency. But Bill Clinton, who takes office next Wednesday, has been in contact with Mr Bush over Iraq and repeatedly endorsed his actions.

Saddam may also be seeking to divert attention from grave economic difficulties at home and to boost his standing in the Arab world, where many governments are firmly opposed to any further military action against the Baghdad regime.

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Oil tanker breaks up as 100mph winds strike

BY RAY CLANCY

A NEW tide of oil gushed out of the crippled tanker *Braer* last night as some of the worst weather recorded in the Shetlands this century finally ruptured most of the ship's remaining tanks.

As the government announced that Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the former master of the rolls, will head a public enquiry into the disaster, the leader of the salvage team disclosed that boulders had holed the hull and there is little chance of recovering the remaining oil from the vessel. Oil began spurting 20ft into the air yesterday and from the cliffhop it was clear that the tanker's accommodation block and the cargo hold were moving in opposite directions.

Geert Koffeman, general manager of Smit Tak, the Rotterdam-based salvage company, said that at least half of the *Braer's* tanks were holed.

"As the oil is lighter than water it rises and is pushed out by the pressure. Less than half the oil is left, that is for sure," Mr Koffeman said.

The snow, and winds gusting up to 100mph, prevented a visit by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh. They hope to visit the islands on Wednesday to see for themselves the effects of the oil pollution. Glasgow weather centre, however, said that gale force winds are expected to continue for several days.

During yesterday's storm, lightning struck the coastguard station twice, putting delicate instruments out of operation, although full power was swiftly restored. "This is the lowest recorded depression this century and we have been right in the middle of it," the coastguard said.

Schools closed, shops and houses were flooded and flights were delayed and postponed. The weather also hampered the wildlife rescue operation as volounteers were forced back from the coast. They are hoping to go out again today.

Health warnings were issued again by Shetland Islands Council in the wake of the new oil spill. Martin Hall, director of environmental services, said people living near the wreck should continue to stay indoors and wear masks outside. Three doctors arrive on the islands today to begin a series of health tests on 689 people living in the vicinity of the *Braer*.

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Birt springs surprises in his BBC reshuffle

BY PETER FIDDICK

JOHN BIRT, in his first move as director-general of the BBC, appointed two leading figures from commercial television to the corporation's board of management yesterday, but sprang surprises in the deployment of both newcomers.

Mr Birt held back from the radical restructuring of television and radio that some staff had expected, opting instead for a longer path to eventual change. The moves were broadly welcomed by the broadcasting fraternity.

Liz Forgan, 48, the director of programmes at Channel 4 and before that a newspaper journalist, moves into a new area; as managing director of BBC Radio. She had been widely tipped to become director of broadcasting covering both radio and television. Instead she replaces David Hatch, 53, who has run radio since 1987 and who retains his board of management seat as adviser to the director-general with a special role in the operation to review the BBC's charter.

Robert Phillis, 47, currently chief executive of ITN, is, as expected, to become deputy director-general, with the heads of BBC Enterprises — a new combined resources, engineering and services directorate and the World Service — reporting to him. This effectively puts him in charge of all the BBC's resource management.

But he also initially takes up the vacant post of managing director of the World Service, with the brief of uniting the new WSTV with the radio service and exploring possible further exploitation of their programme output, worldwide. A new managing director will then be appointed, but Mr Phillis will continue to oversee the international operation.

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Rifkind flies back for key Bosnia meeting

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR has summoned members of the cabinet overseas and defence committee today for a meeting expected to approve the deployment of reinforcements to Bosnia.

The aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal*, now ready to sail from Portsmouth, is expected to be given orders to head for international waters within reach of the Adriatic coast. *Ark Royal*, armed with eight Harriers and escorted by warships and support vessels, will be in a position to support the British troops as well as enforce the no-fly zone.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, has cut short a Far East trip to attend the meeting. The committee includes Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Peter Harding, the new chief of the defence staff, is also expected to attend. With a draft resolution on enforcing a no-fly zone due to be tabled at the UN shortly, the cabinet committee is expected to approve preparations for reinforcement.

The two Iraqi raids over the Kuwaiti border to retrieve weaponry abandoned in the Gulf war will also be discussed.

Back-up for the 2,400 troops in Bosnia is deemed by ministers to be a prudent step because of the possibility of retaliation by the Serbs once the no-fly zone is enforced. The military advice is strongly in favour of effective reinforcement.

However, Britain has won the day in negotiating a 30-day delay before enforcement of the no-fly zone is implemented. The United States wanted a 15-day period but after pressure from Britain, Washington has relented.

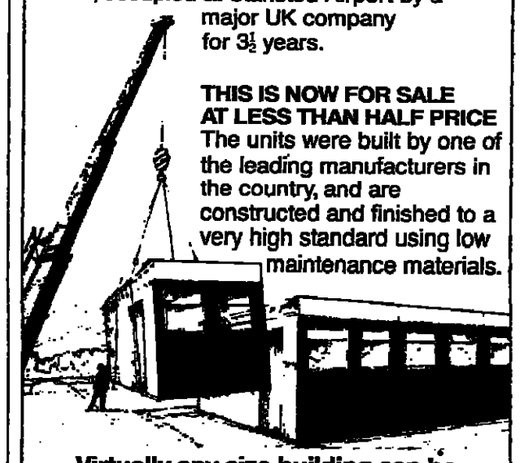
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Terrorist panicked after priming Soho bomb, court told

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN IRA terrorist panicked after priming a bomb in the lavatory of a London burger restaurant and making his way through the streets of the capital to plant it, a court was told yesterday.

Police watched James Canning, 37, throughout his mission, from the moment he left home with the bomb in his briefcase, it was alleged. The device eventually went off in a Soho alley, causing no injuries, after Mr Canning's movements had become increasingly erratic and he appeared unable to find his target.

The Old Bailey was told yesterday that Mr Canning had blended in into a cosy suburban lifestyle with a woman 23 years his senior before setting out with the bomb last year, three days before the general election.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said he was a dedicated terrorist working in an IRA campaign to disrupt life in London and kill and injure people during 1991 and the run-up to last year's election. He had access to a vast amount of bomb-making equipment and had tried to kill large numbers of people.

Mr Canning is accused of causing an explosion on April 6 last year in Bridle Lane, Soho, and carrying a loaded Smith and Wesson revolver. He and the woman he lived with, Ethel Lamb, 60, a retired fruit trader, are jointly charged with conspiring to cause explosions likely to endanger life, and possessing Semtex plastic explosive and six AKM-47 assault rifles. Mrs Lamb is also accused of making money and property available to Mr Canning knowing that it could be used for acts of terrorism. Both deny all the charges.

Mr Bevan said that Mr Canning shared a bungalow with Mrs Lamb at Northolt, west London, where he drank in the local pubs. "He adopted a lifestyle designed to cause no suspicions — a round of golf here, shopping and DIY about the home."

Mr Canning also had a liking for female company although he was a married man. He met and set up home with his co-defendant. She was fond of him, but whether he felt the same for her or used her as a convenient cover for his activities was a matter for the jury to decide. "Although she was no terrorist she allowed her home to be used as a base for his activities. While their levels are therefore very different, both were in their separate ways involved over a period of some months in terrorism."

The court was told that police kept watch on the bungalow using a video camera. At 6.50am on April 6 an officer saw Mr Canning leave carrying a briefcase.

The officer followed him to Northolt underground station and another officer saw him get off at Shepherds Bush at 7.18am and catch a bus to Westminster Bridge Road near Waterloo station.

Police discovered that Mr Canning was using an anti-surveillance technique in which he pretended to board buses but doubled back, the court was told. At 7.58 he caught a bus to Lower Regent Street and then went into the Burger King restaurant.

Mr Bevan said: "There is good reason now to think that the bomb that he was carrying in his briefcase was of a type that would go off an hour after it was primed."

Mr Canning would have had to open the briefcase and possibly the bomb too, something which he had to ensure no-one saw him do. He went into the lavatory and stayed inside for four minutes before leaving the restaurant.

By that time he was behaving strangely, Mr Bevan said, and having primed the bomb his movements became so complicated it was not clear what he was trying to do or even whether he was unable to find his target.

The trial continues today.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Morale booster: the affable John Birt delivers a meticulously scripted speech

Birt's small earthquake at BBC leaves few casualties

BY PETER FIDDICK

SMALL earthquake, not many injured, might sum up the initial response to John Birt's long-awaited first package of changes at the BBC. Every member of top management is still at the table, several with grander titles. The only one asked to leave his job, David Hatch, was given an important role in preparing the Charter Review as well as a tribute to his "splendid, inspirational leader in radio". It is some time since the top brass of the BBC spoke about their creative managers in such terms and Mr Hatch can take added pleasure, having long heard rumours of his impending demise. Those of us who felt forced to pass on the speculation, as the only way of giving a glimmer of BBC thinking across nearly two silent years, heard with a certain sense of irony the passage that unexpectedly ruffled the surface of Mr Birt's speech in which he denounced the "hostile leaking and secretive and manipulative behaviour" of the past.

But if the boardroom floor is free from blood, bigger tremors are undoubtedly coming. In particular, replacing David Hatch with Liz Forgan, surprising at first, soon comes to seem a subtle move.

Ms Forgan is being given a hands-on job, bringing detailed experience of what is still going to be an important part of the BBC's output. Simultaneously, she will spend 1993, with Alan Yentob, on the Programme Strategy Review. Enjoined by John Birt to team up with Will Wyatt to see how television and radio departments can go the bi-media route, she will know more than most about the nitty-gritty of both sides just in time for a "supreme head of all broadcasting" to be appropriate to a new structure.

Before then, both she and Bob Phillis share another crucial role. Mr Birt, an affable and spirited man in relaxed situations, is not a natural performer to larger groups. His presentation yesterday to a studio audience of his own top staff was meaty, meticulously scripted, and included several wholly welcome bids to boost staff morale by asserting his belief in their abilities and their future. But it was never going to catch light.

Other initiatives included an annual performance review to measure actual results against the BBC's declared goals in both programming and efficiency and enhanced management training.

The changes were welcomed by members of the broadcasting fraternity as shrewd and well-considered (Alison Roberts writes). Melvyn Bragg, the writer and broadcaster, said the one-off programme strategy review would "cause the BBC to look at itself critically, and that can be nothing but good".

David Hatch said he was "delighted" with his forthcoming role and also praised the appointment of Liz Forgan as a champion of the listeners.

Jonathan Powell, who resigned as controller of BBC1 to join Carlton television as director of drama, said that the review could benefit watchers and listeners by co-ordinating timings of television and radio programmes.

David Mellor, former heritage secretary, supported Mr Birt's efforts to rationalise the BBC, which would further the corporation's case in the debate surrounding its future.

"I have always taken the view that the BBC would succeed in seeing off its critics if it recognised that there were some valid criticisms — like the structure of the BBC being over-bureaucratic and like the BBC needing a clear philosophy." Mr Birt's actions had been consistent with such recognition, he said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Downing Street IRA mortar suspect held

A member of the IRA suspected of masterminding the mortar attack on 10 Downing Street two years ago has been detained by police in the Irish republic. The man, believed to be one of the IRA's explosives experts, is in custody awaiting trial for an alleged offence committed in the republic. He was captured near the border with Northern Ireland after being on the run from the Gardai for several years.

The man's name was on a list of suspects submitted by Scotland Yard to the Gardai after the attack on Downing Street in 1991, when the mortar narrowly missed a room in which John Major was chairing a meeting of the Gulf war cabinet.

Senior police officers in the republic have been in contact with Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad about the man's detention. British authorities must decide whether they have enough evidence to seek his extradition from the Irish republic to face trial in Britain. However, the Irish law on extradition means that it is unlikely any request would succeed.

The Irish government has not yet introduced legislation to amend its extradition act following a Supreme Court ruling that some terrorist offences are political, and therefore a person cannot be extradited to face trial.

☐ A 26-year-old woman was remanded in custody yesterday charged with the murder of a soldier in the Royal Irish Regiment. Jacqueline Donnelly, from the Ardoyne area of north Belfast, is accused of murdering Steven Waller, 23, who was shot dead at his home while on leave from Cyprus. A detective chief inspector told Belfast magistrates' court that the woman had been picked out by two witnesses as having been at the scene.

Careering driver jailed

A driver who killed a ten-year-old boy after jumping a red light was jailed for 18 months yesterday. Keith Batson, 39, was travelling at 70mph in a 30mph zone. He careered into the side of a car driven by Jeffrey Harvey, said Peter Kyte prosecuting, at the Old Bailey. Mr Harvey's son Ross took the full impact of the crash and died the following day from head injuries. In December last year Batson was jailed for five years for his criminal activities after the accident. The judge ordered that the 18-month sentence should run consecutively. Batson was also banned from driving for ten years. Batson, of Dartford, Kent, pleaded guilty to causing death by reckless driving.

Golfer cancels legacy

Vivien Saunders, one of Britain's top women golfers, has revoked her decision to leave a £5 million golf complex to the English Ladies Golf Association. She claimed that she had not been thanked for her work as coach over 18 years. Miss Saunders, 46, a former member of Britain's Curtis Cup team, built the Abbotsley Golf and Squash Club in Cambridgeshire into a thriving centre with two courses and a hotel. In her will it would have gone to the association for use as a training centre. She said: "I would have liked this place to be looked after by somebody like a national sports body but, when they couldn't thank me in my lifetime, I thought they're not going to do so when I've gone."

Assault by car thieves

A young man was in intensive care last night after car thieves deliberately knocked him down and drove over him twice when he stopped them stealing his vehicle. Stephen Convery, 21, received a fractured skull and a broken leg and pelvis on Saturday when he and friends disturbed two youths breaking into his Ford Granada. The attackers fled in a stolen car after reversing it into Mr Convery. Last Tuesday, David McDonough, 45, was clubbed unconscious as he tackled thieves tampering with his car outside his home in Nunthorpe, near Middlesbrough. He spent several days on a life-support machine in intensive care and is still in hospital.

Speedie bound over



The footballer David Speedie was cleared yesterday of assaulting a spectator after a match at Derby County last season. Mr Speedie, right, then a Blackburn Rovers player, was bound over after Judge Hopkin said: "The complainant spat at this man and was then surprised when he was kicked. The courts have better things to do than waste money trying cases like this."

Hatton trial starts

Derek Hatton, former deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, is to stand trial today with four others accused of conspiracy to defraud the council through land deals between November 1986 and March 1990. Mr Hatton faces three conspiracy charges. All five deny the charges and the trial, expected to last four months, will be at Mold Crown Court in North Wales. The attorney-general ordered that it should not be held on Merseyside to reduce the likelihood of potential jurors knowing defendants.

Mayhew calls for review of Irish law

BY RICHARD FORD

SIR Patrick Mayhew last night challenged the incoming Irish government to review parts of the Irish constitution that claim territorial jurisdiction over Northern Ireland.

On the eve of the formation of a Fianna Fáil-Labour coalition in Dublin, the Northern Ireland secretary said that Articles 2 and 3 were "an unhelpful ingredient" in the political situation in the north. Sir Patrick said that in any future talks aimed at ending the political deadlock in the north the articles would be central to the discussions.

"I think that therefore all that can be done to turn something unhelpful into something that is helpful should be done."

He said he hoped the new government would look at the two articles with a fresh eye. They were seen to be a territorial claim against the six counties of the north, which comprised a region of the UK in international law and Britain's national law.

Unionist politicians insist there can be no normal relations with the Irish republic while the constitution contains the two articles. During the talks which ended in November, the Irish government was unwilling to give any commitment on possible amendment of the articles before an overall package had been agreed between unionists, nationalists, the British government and itself.



Mayhew: hoping for constitution change

Sex-ordeal woman feigned death

BY PETER VICTOR

A WOMAN pretended to be dead to save herself after she was kidnapped, subjected to a severe sexual assault and repeatedly stabbed, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. Her injuries were so severe that she lost more than four pints of blood and needed a hundred stitches in a two-hour operation.

John Nutting, for the prosecution, said that during her ordeal the woman realised she was getting weaker and was no match for her attacker's strength. "So she did the only thing left — she feigned death. She drew a long breath and held it."

The woman had ten stab wounds from a broken bottle and a knife. "The severity of her injuries would, in most cases, have caused death," Mr Nutting alleged that after the attack Anthony Ferrira, 27, unemployed, set fire to the bed to which he had forced the woman at knifepoint.

He said that Ferrira fled, locking the door of the small southeast London flat to ensure the woman's death. The 27-year-old victim, a buyer for a chain store, "is only alive today because a person downstairs smelt smoke and rescued her".

Ferrira, 27, of Streatham, south London, denies attempted murder, kidnap, indecent assault and wounding with intent.

Mr Nutting alleged that he accosted the woman in Brixton, south London, at 7.15am as she was going to work last February. Mr Nutting said that Ferrira pretended he needed help for his pregnant girl friend. When the woman refused to go with him, he produced a knife, forced her into an unoccupied bedsit and started strangling her with her scarf.

When she gasped: "Why me?" Ferrira replied: "Because you are pretty and I would never get a women like you", the court was told.

The woman suffered "the most dreadful series of indecent assaults". Mr Nutting said that Ferrira started to throttle her again, stabbed her in the throat and neck and struck her with a bottle.

The neighbour who rescued her saw Ferrari run past in a distinctive tracksuit the court was told. The trial continues today.

Children get damages for hospital blunders

TWO children starved of oxygen at birth have been awarded more than £1 million damages each in the High Court.

Clare Taylor, who gave up her dream of becoming a nurse to care for her son James, 10, was awarded a share of his £1,160,000 damages. The single mother from Erith, Kent, was given £148,746 and won praise from the judge, the Hon Mr Justice Otton. He said: "What is abundantly clear in this terrible tragedy is that the devotion, love, affection and support which she has given to James is exemplary, and I would like to pay personal tribute to her fortitude in that regard, and what potential James has is due to her care."

Her son was born with cerebral palsy and needs constant care. Greenwich Health Authority admitted liability.

Lisa Martin, 8, of Market Weighton, Humberside, was awarded £1,035,000 damages from East Yorkshire Health Authority, which admitted liability. Had nurses carried out proper monitoring during the caesarian birth, they could have prevented her "terrible disability", her counsel, Robin Stewart QC, told the judge, the Hon Mr Justice Sheldon.

Lisa has cerebral palsy. "Her tragedy is that she is an alert and bright child who wants to learn and socialise but cannot speak meaningfully or intelligibly," Mr Stewart said. Her parents also have two sons, who are aged five and 12.

Police accuse Clarke of trying to rush change without consultation

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

RADICAL reforms being considered by the Home Office could threaten the constitutional position of the police and raise the possibility of a centralised, state-controlled force, Britain's police chiefs said yesterday.

The Association of Chief Police Officers accused Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, of hastily planning changes without consultation with the police or local authorities. In a letter sent to Mr Clarke yesterday, representatives of more than 250 senior officers expressed doubts at possible alterations to funding, the make-up of police authorities and "arbitrary" amalgamation of forces.

Senior officers believe the police authorities could be given the type of nominee system Mr Clarke has introduced in health and education. They argue the police would lose local control and policing could become politicised.

Tomorrow Mr Clarke is due to see John Major and possible plans for the police will be on the agenda. Mr Clarke is expected to make an announcement on his plan in the next few weeks as the government prepares for a white paper on policing later this year. Yesterday John Burrow, chief constable of Essex and president of ACPO, said the Home Office was understood to be considering 100 per cent central funding of the police and changes to police authorities, leading to fewer local councillors and the appointment of nominees on what could be police boards. The 43 forces could be merged under a formula by which the ideal force size would be based purely on manpower rather than local area.

Mr Burrow said the plans had been drawn up in the corridors of the Home Office rather than by consultation. He said the man in the street was more concerned with improving the criminal justice system rather than internal changes and bringing forward the recommendations of the royal commission on the criminal justice system could be delayed by several years.

The police, Mr Burrow said, were not opposed to amalgamations and would be happy with a proper review. They were not happy with some "simplistic formula".

He said central funding was a move to central control and instead the government should heed the recommendations of the Audit Commission and find ways to revitalise the local government input. Mr Burrow said: "It suggests the old adage 'Who pays the piper calls the tune', moving much more towards a centrally controlled and possibly national police service."

The performance of the police authorities was patchy and they should be improved. Mr Burrow said there were claims during the miners' strike of political control. The police would not surrender operational independence. Nonetheless the public might not see that. How much greater, he asked, would public perceptions of a centrally controlled and government-dominated police service be with nominees?

Bonington son cleared of burglary

THE son of the mountaineer Chris Bonington was cleared yesterday of burglary at the home of a 92-year-old woman.

Daniel Bonington, 25, was alleged to have stolen furniture worth £10,000 from the widow's home in Fulham, southwest London. At Knightsbridge Crown Court it was claimed that Bonington and Duncan Weir, 23, told Anthony Thompson, a furniture dealer, to come to the house to collect the items.

Both Bonington, a musician, from Paddington, west London, and Weir, of Holborn, central London, had denied burgling the home of Doris Seddington. The prosecution had alleged that the pair sold the contents of the £500,000 house, which was being used as a squat, for £1,800. However, the defence said that though the pair had planned to sell the keys they were unaware that Mr Thompson intended to sell the house contents. Mr Thompson had told the court he thought the two were relatives of Mrs Seddington.

Housing boss accused of £80,000 fraud

A COUNCIL housing chief paid himself more than £80,000 in housing benefit for his London flat while he lived 80 miles away with his wife, Snaresbrook Crown Court was told yesterday.

Peter Smith, 48, section head of the housing benefit department at Hackney council, east London, was caught when council officials visiting his apartment saw no furniture. The court was told that Mr Smith fraudulently sent housing benefit cheques to his flat in Hackney over four years while he lived with his wife in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Mr Smith denies 23 charges of fraud and theft. The case continues today.

Lord Rees-Mogg is chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, and not, as incorrectly stated in one edition yesterday, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission.

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Record low pressure brings death and destruction and adds to Shetland's problems

Met Office predicts lull in deadly storms sweeping over Britain

By Ian Murray

HIGH winds laced with sleet and snow will lash much of the country again today as the lowest pressure system recorded off the British Isles continues to cause havoc inland and peril on the seas. The storms have brought flooding, which killed a potholer, and blizzards that have shut roads, railways and schools in Scotland, northern England and Wales.

Gusts of more than 100mph in the Shetland Islands yesterday meant that a week after the *Braer* oil tanker ran aground a salvage operation has still not started. The team of Dutch salvage experts could not risk going aboard the vessel and a special barge on its way to offload the oil was delayed and will not reach Shetland before tomorrow evening.

The bad weather forced the cancellation of the visit to the islands yesterday of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh. They were to have flown there direct from Sandringham to see the effects of the oil spill. With force-ten winds gusting to hurricane-force 12 forecast for the islands today, the royal trip is likely to be further delayed. Lightning put the radio at Lerwick coastguard station out of action.

The Meteorological Office predicted yesterday that a lull in the storms would begin tomorrow as the fourth, final and weakest member of a "family" of deep low-pressure systems passes north of the British Isles and heads off towards Norway and the Arctic. "Compared to what we have had over the past week, this one will be a relative pup which will not develop anything like so much," said a spokesman.

The storms that drove the *Braer* ashore were centred 400 miles west of the Faroe Islands. On Sunday night the worst of them produced a low-pressure reading of 916 millibars, the lowest since records began 100 years ago. "This must be close to the absolute minimum possible in a temperate area," the spokesman said.

According to the *Guinness Book of Records* the lowest pressure recorded in the British Isles was 925.5 millibars near Crieff, Tayside, in January 1884. During the hurricane that swept southern Britain in 1987 levels of about 950 millibars were recorded. This was centred over the land.

The Meteorological Office blamed an unusually strong jet stream or belt of winds travelling at 170 miles an hour at 30,000ft. This is sucking air in at sea level and pushing it out again at high levels, creating the depression.

Yesterday the storms brought blizzards to Northern Ireland and the Scottish Highlands, shutting 80 schools, blocking many roads and railway lines and forcing air services to be cancelled. The Forth road bridge was shut and drifting snow closed the transpennine route from Scotch Corner in co. Durham. In northwest Wales, too, roads were closed by snow drifts.

A potholer was killed when heavy rain caused a sudden surge of floodwater in caves at Chapel le Dale near Ingleton, North Yorkshire. The dead man, Michael Jones, 31, who was married and came from nearby Burton in Lonsdale, was trapped with a female companion, Gillian Ridgeway. She was rescued suffering from hypothermia after a fellow potholer, Terry Aitken, struggled to the surface to raise the alarm.

Floodwaters that were pushed down from the North Sea, combined with high tides and strong winds, led to the Thames flood barrier being raised for only the tenth time since it was completed in 1982. "There is a build-up of water and we have seen nothing like it in years," said the National Rivers Authority.

The authority issued a red flood alert on four rivers in Wales, the Rhymney, Cynon, Neath and Taff, as well as on the Loddon in the Thames Valley and the Great Ouse near Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire.



TIM BISHOP

Wave of trouble: rough seas batter the harbour front in Lerwick, Shetland, where a royal visit had to be postponed



In a spin: the storms are centred near the Faroes

Otter cub saved by fast action

By Ray Clancy

COUBAL the otter cub is lucky to be alive after being rescued from a beach soon after the oil tanker *Braer* foundered on rocks near by. Others are unlikely to be so fortunate. Several were seen swimming in the rainbow sheen off the west coast of Shetland yesterday.

Coubal is named after the beach where he was picked up by Mary Moncrieff, a part-time security officer at Sumburgh airport, three hours after the vessel foundered. "I was walking along with my dog when I saw the cub running towards me. I could see there was oil in the sea and I decided it was too dangerous to leave him there." Coubal, who lives in a basket in the family's porch, likes to stand on his hind legs and run around the room.

The toll includes 612 birds — 173 have been rescued — and six dead seals. Hundreds of seals are still stranded on two islands near the tanker.

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Donaldson to lead public enquiry into oil disaster

By Jonathan Prynn and Nigel Hawkes

LORD Donaldson, the former Master of the Rolls, was yesterday appointed by the government to head a public enquiry into the Shetland oil disaster.

At the same time the government announced the formation of a separate working party to co-ordinate the environmental clean-up on Shetland and draw up recommendations for dealing with future oil spills.

Health tests on Shetland islanders begin today to establish whether oil from the wrecked tanker *Braer* or the dispersant used against it have caused any damage to internal organs, particularly the liver and kidneys.

Blood and urine samples from 600 volunteers living within two miles of the wreck will be compared with samples from a control group of 600 living in the northern Shetlands. The survey, organised by the Shetland Health Board with the aid of experts from the Scottish Home and Health Department, will also seek information from the volunteers about illnesses they have suffered in the past, and compare them with any suffered after the spill.

A statutory enquiry into the causes of the *Braer* accident has already been announced, but John MacGregor, the transport secretary, told the Commons that the disaster "raises wider questions about tanker movements around our coasts, as well as other issues".

Mr MacGregor said that the Donaldson enquiry was being set up "to advise on whether any further measures are appropriate and feasible to protect the UK coastline from pollution from merchant shipping".

It will work separately from the Marine Accident Investigation Board, which automatically examines all marine accidents in British waters or involving British vessels. The board's enquiry is looking exclusively at the circumstances of the loss of the *Braer*. A parallel investigation is being carried out on Shetland by a team from Liberia, where the *Braer* is registered.

In a later Commons statement, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, announced the environmental steering group, which will draw its membership from the Shetland community, environmental specialists and those involved in the clean-up.

As well as looking at the short and long-term strategy for dealing with the environmental effects of the spillage, the group will report on the wider lessons.

Up to £50 million is available from insurers and two compensation funds for Shetland farmers and fisherman who suffer economic hardship as a result of pollution. About £200,000 has already been advanced by the insurers. However, Mr Lang said that businesses suffering cash-flow problems before full settlement of claims would receive bridging loans from a fund set up by the Scottish Office. The amount paid out could run to several million pounds, Mr Lang said.

☐ The operators of the *Braer*, Bergvall and Hudner, yesterday promised a "substantial" donation towards the wildlife clean-up costs.

Teacher jailed for child abuse to re-appeal

By John O'Leary
Education Correspondent

A TEACHER jailed for child abuse after complaints to Esther Rantzen's ChildLine charity is to demand a second appeal against conviction because the main prosecution witness is alleged to have admitted fabricating evidence.

Dr William Printer, who taught French at Crookham Court School in Berkshire, was sentenced to ten years in prison by Reading Crown Court in July 1990. He has always denied the charges of indecent assault and attempted buggery.

A first appeal by Printer was turned down last October, but his sentence was reduced to six years. Since then, a boy who was one of the key prosecution witnesses has been interviewed again by Michael Nicholls, of the Official Solicitor's Department, after apparently retracting his evidence.

Printer's lawyers are expected to ask Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to sanction a second appeal in the light of this development. John Jackson, his Newbury-based solicitor, said yesterday: "Once I have sorted out legal aid I will get leave to interview the boy. I shall then put the matter back to Printer's counsel, Patrick Eccles QC. At the trial the boy said one thing, retracted that and then went back on that again."

Miss Rantzen and the *That's Life* television team, which brought the allegations to light, were accused during the trial of conducting a trial by television and persuading pupils at the boys' boarding school to make false statements. The judge rejected criticism of the programme's methods.

In a statement issued yesterday by the BBC press office, Miss Rantzen refused to comment on a report that the boy had admitted to her after the trial that the incidents never took place.

"The status of this matter is such that it is quite impossible for me to comment since the young person concerned is a ward of court."

Michael Gold, a former headmaster of the school, said: "I had an indication at the time that a boy was changing his mind to and fro."

Virgin Atlantic versus British Airways

Dirty tricks in the battle for the skies

By Tony Dawe

LORD King of Wartnaby and Richard Branson took an instant dislike to each other from the moment they first met as chairmen of Britain's two best-known airlines. Their style, their politics and their approach to life was totally different and neither could appreciate the other's ability.

That dislike was heightened yesterday by the settlement in the High Court of libel actions between the two airlines, which left Lord King of British Airways humiliated and Mr Branson of Virgin Atlantic "vindicated". It was hard to believe that either man would say, as Mr Branson did afterwards: "I am not someone who likes to hold grudges."

Lord King, 74, is a wily industrialist, formal and pompous, who liked to hunt in his spare time and believes that governments, journalists — indeed everyone — should heed his undoubted wisdom. Mr Branson, 42, is a brash upstart, casual and fun-loving, fond of hot-air ballooning and disco dancing, and capable of infecting ministers and reporters alike with his enthusiasms.

Their different approach was visible at an airline industry lunch in London in October 1991. When Mr Branson received an award for Virgin, he grabbed Ivana Trump, the American socialite who made the presentation, and turned her upside down. Most of the audience laughed; Lord King sat stony-faced.

What vexed him most was that this "joker" was being taken seriously by the government. He believed that Virgin's role — with its eight aircraft compared to BA's 230 — was to be a "niche carrier", providing services that were uneconomic for big airlines instead of being allowed to challenge BA on lucrative routes across the Atlantic and to Tokyo. He was also furious at Mr Branson's headline-grabbing airlift of refugees from Iraq before the Gulf war and is said to have asked one minister: "Has Virgin become part of the Foreign Office?"

This official support for Virgin and the personal animosity between the two chairman led to the dirty tricks saga. Nobody has suggested that Lord King instigated the campaign, for which BA apologised in the High Court, but those responsible believed that it would have his tacit approval.

According to a former BA employee, an aggressive campaign was launched to woo potential Virgin passengers in the Gatwick catchment area, while onward bookings for Virgin passengers were purposely delayed. The informant said that the tactics were abandoned and documents targeting Virgin shredded after Mr Branson lodged a draft complaint with the European Commission in January 1991 alleging that BA had "abused its dominant market position". The dirty tricks resumed after the Civil Aviation Authority granted Virgin access to Heathrow, with all the international connections that involved.

Ronnie Thomas, director of a limousine service that ferried Virgin passengers to and from JFK airport, New York, reported that passengers were being approached at the kerbside and offered better-class BA tickets and a free flight in Europe in exchange for their Virgin tickets.

More central to yesterday's settlement, as the High Court was told, were the activities of Brian Basham, a public relations consultant hired by BA. Mr Basham set about leaking to selected journalists a document that he claimed was a "private and confidential" report on Virgin. The report, which was unsourced, mixed fact and rumour and suggested that Virgin had financial weaknesses and that Mr Branson had some dubious advisers and interests.

Mr Basham told one journalist that a nightclub owned by Mr Branson was sure to be raided for drugs, and that Mr Branson ran "a dicky business". Counsel for Mr Basham told the High Court yesterday that his client did not accept that the references to him were an accurate summary of his actions on behalf of BA.

Virgin staff began assembling a dossier of dirty tricks, not all of them directly attributable to BA. They included references to a burglary at Mr Branson's boat and to claims that private detectives had been hired to gather damaging information about him.

In December 1991, when Mr Branson wrote to BA's directors, national newspaper editors and the EC accusing BA of a dirty tricks campaign, and Lord King retorted that the allegations were unfounded and mischievously motivated by Mr Branson's desire to secure publicity, the Virgin chairman sued.

BA then launched a counter-action claiming that Mr Branson was damaging BA's reputation. Everything appeared set for "the mother of all libel actions" until yesterday's settlement.



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BA pays £610,000 damages to Branson

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was also received about instances of commercially unacceptable conduct linked to BA. In October 1991, Mr Branson and Virgin learnt that Brian Basham, a public relations consultant for BA, was conducting a campaign against them "by attempting to plant hostile and discreditable stories" in the press.

Mr Carman said it became apparent that BA employees were contacting existing Virgin passengers and offering them inducements to switch to BA. Passengers complained to Virgin.

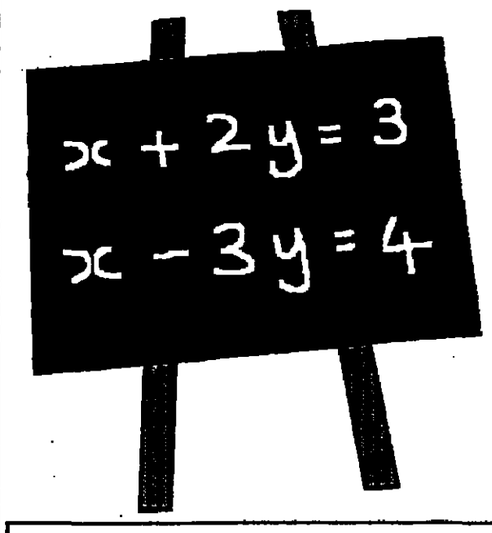
Mr Branson wrote to BA's non-executive directors, inviting them the investigate what he regarded as disreputable business activities. Sir Michael Angus, BA's deputy chairman, replied that it would be inappropriate for the non-executive directors to act. Sir Colin Marshall stated at the time that Mr Branson's allegations were wholly without foundation and had been made with the "apparent motive of securing publicity". It was this remark that led Mr Branson to take legal advice.

His grounds for a libel action were strengthened in February 1992, when Thames Television's *This Week* programme repeated his charges that BA appeared to be running a dirty tricks campaign. Before that programme was screened, Mervyn Walker, BA's legal director, wrote to Thames stating that BA "have always regarded Mr Branson's claims as unfounded and in some cases scurrilous". Mr Walker's allegations were repeated in BA's newspaper and it was this publication that formed the basis of the first libel complaint.

A form letter from Lord King in response to concern from *This Week* viewers again dismissed Mr Branson's allegations as a publicity stunt. This letter was the basis of the second part of the libel claim.

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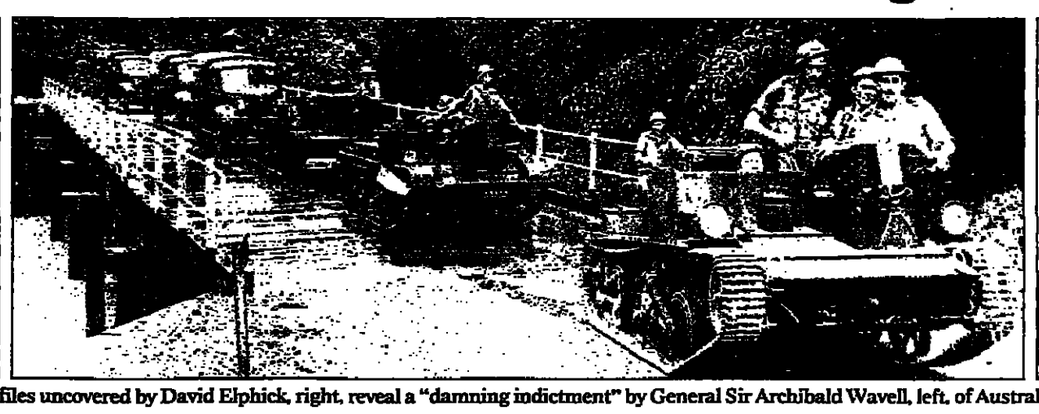
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Australian veterans return fire over damning war files

■ The debate over who to blame for the capture of Singapore has been reopened by the release of 50-year-old documents







War wounds reopened: files uncovered by David Elphick, right, reveal a "damning indictment" by General Sir Archibald Wavell, left, of Australian forces in Singapore

BY KATE ALDERSON AND RED HARRISON IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN war veterans and historians have angrily rejected newly released War Office papers blaming the cowardice of Australian soldiers for the fall of Singapore in 1942. "The Australians were known as daffodils, beautiful to look at, but yellow all through," says one of the documents, released last week after 50 years of secrecy.

Another report sent to Winston Churchill and the War Cabinet in June 1942 by General Sir Archibald Wavell, commander-in-chief of the South West Pacific, described the Australians as cowards, rapists, drunkards and deserters.

Compiled from interviews with 50 servicemen, officials and civilians, all of whom are unnamed, the report said: "For the fall of Singapore itself, the Australians are held responsible, while their presence in the town ... has aroused great indignation."

Major-General Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australian infantry, was accused of disobeying orders and lying about Australian casualties. However, the report also points out that the Australians displayed "a refreshingly offensive spirit at a period when this was sorely needed to counter the effects on morale of constant withdrawal and defeat".

General Wavell also criticised Winston Churchill's tactics and described the defence of Singapore as "disastrous". "Equally disastrous in its consequences and incredible in its inaccuracy was our estimate of the Japanese arms and air force," he wrote in June 1942.

Churchill said the documents were "sensitive" and, aware that he would need the services of the Australians in the future, took the pragmatic decision that their release would be "injurious to Imperial sentiment". "No one should see these reports except the War Cabinet," he wrote in August. "It would be a mistake to stir these matters up in any way. Anyhow, the longer these matters are left alone the better ..."

However, "leaving the matter alone" for 50 years has done nothing to dull the sensitivity of the Australians, especially in light of accusations last year by Paul Keating, the prime minister, that Churchill abandoned the Far East to concentrate on Europe.

Brigadier Alf Garland, national president of the Returned Services League, Australia's main organisation of war veterans, attacked Gen Wavell's war record: "Everyone should remember that Wavell was a disgraced commander.

"Wavell was sacked from the Middle East because he tried to run campaigns in Greece and Crete without leaving his headquarters in North Africa. Wavell's trouble was that he was never there.

"He actually visited Singapore about a month before the surrender, but I doubt if he knew that Australia's 2/19th and 2/29th battalions fought the mother of all battles with the Japanese at Muar while British soldiers were running to Singapore as fast as they could."

Brigadier Garland said that what Wavell saw "was a number of Australians lolling about in the centre of Singapore town. The rest were put back into the field and most of them were killed".

He said British losses in the fall of Singapore totalled more than 138,000, of whom fewer than 19,000 were Australian soldiers. For a British general to suggest that this colonial minority was even partially responsible for defeat was, to put it politely, "drawing a long and desperate bow".

Bruce Ruxton, president of the Victorian branch of the RSL, was equally contemptuous: "By the time Wavell recognised that the northern shores of Singapore Island needed to be defended, Japanese aircraft were dropping bombs almost continuously and the work was impossible."

Harold Payne, president of the National Federation of Far Eastern Prisoner of War Associations, is a former Royal Artillery officer who took part in the Malayan retreat and was captured by the Japanese when Singapore fell. He said he had not witnessed any of the "incidents" in the report.

"People should be thankful that the Australians fought alongside British troops. You've got to bear in mind that all the Australians were volunteers."

Gregory Pemberton, an historian at Macquarie University in Sydney, believes Britain has released the report to embarrass Australia's prime minister: "There is no reason why the British government could not have extended the ban on Wavell's report. We have to assume, given Mr Keating's comments on republicanism, that Britain considers the time is highly suitable to strike back."

The files were uncovered at the Public Records Office by Peter Elphick, author of a new book on the fall of Singapore, who said there had been persistent stories about Australian deserters in Singapore. He was reported as saying: "These files refer to mass-desertion, looting, rape and murder. They add up to a damning indictment of the Australians."

Protein discovery can aid treatment of Alzheimer's

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A DISCOVERY by British scientists that the brain's efforts to grow new cells as it ages is directly linked to the onset of Alzheimer's disease is being claimed as an important step towards finding a cure for the disease.

A team working at St Mary's Hospital, west London, has found that the onset of Alzheimer's disease, which affects 350,000 people in Britain, is linked with the resprouting of nerve connections in the brain, which occurs in everyone as they grow older.

A chance observation by a medical student last summer led the team to study the brains of 12 dead patients. Those who had suffered from Alzheimer's disease had heavier concentrations of a protein called beta amyloid precursor, which plays an important role in the brain's regrowth.

Dr Gareth Roberts, leader of the team, said that the discovery aided understanding of how Alzheimer's disease started and marked an important step towards finding a cure. The team rushed out its findings in the little-known journal *Neuroreport*, rather than wait to publish in one of the mainstream journals, in case they were beaten by rivals. "It is a very competitive field," Dr Roberts, 35, a neuroanatomist, said.

Up to one in five couples is likely to have an elderly parent suffering from premature senility due to Alzheimer's. It is the fourth biggest killer in the West after cancer, heart attacks and strokes.

The protein, which may be responsible for a high proportion of cases, is produced in the brains of all normal people and helps the process of cell regrowth. As humans age, their neurons begin to decline but the surviving ones grow to fill the gaps: a process known as resprouting. Excess production of the protein damages the brain, by forming plaques and tangles. "It is like watering a plant," Dr Roberts said. "If you over-water it, the plaint dies."

The researchers found that over-production of the protein occurred in the temporal lobe, the area of the brain concerned with memory and where Alzheimer's disease is known to start. "It was one of the big mysteries: why Alzheimer's starts in the temporal lobes. The answer is because it is the part with the highest amount of protein," Dr Roberts said.

Controlling over-production of the protein would become a "major therapeutic target" for drug companies and other research organisations if the finding was confirmed, he said. "There are several promising candidates for a new treatment around."

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Tourists vote small firms best

BY JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

BRITAIN'S biggest holiday companies are offering less customer satisfaction than small operators, according to a survey published today.

Airtours, Britain's third-largest holiday company, is given one of the worst ratings in the Consumers' Association's *Holiday Which?* survey. Thomson, the largest operator, receives only average marks.

Ratings were based on whether a customer would recommend the company to a friend and on standards of accommodation, last-minute changes to schedule, brochures, representatives and travel arrangements.

Only two of the 43 companies were ranked worse than Airtours, which is criticised on all counts except late changes. Only Aspro and Owners Abroad's Olympic Holidays were ranked lower. The top-ranked company is VFB Holidays, which specialises in French breaks.

The UK Tour Operators Study Group said that the findings were not representative of the market as a whole. Factors such as value for money were not considered by the survey and no account was taken of special deals and late offers.

School test boycott is looming

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A BOYCOTT of next summer's English tests for 14-year-olds grew more likely yesterday when the biggest teachers' union began a strike ballot in secondary schools.

All six teaching unions are meeting today to discuss action over the tests, which they consider to be ill-prepared and unreliable. Ministers have warned teachers they will be in breach of contract if they fail to administer them.

However, support for a boycott is growing. The National Association for the Teaching of English (NATE) has received the commitment of 650 members not to participate in testing pupils in June.

The National Union of Teachers is asking its 9,500 English teachers whether they would support a boycott, and all 68,000 secondary school members are being asked whether they would strike if their colleagues were disciplined.

Preparations for the tests were completed only last week. The assessment plans have twice been revised since the curriculum was introduced, leaving schools with little time to adapt syllabuses.

Anne Barnes, the general secretary of the NATE, said: "Opposition to the tests is increasing all the time. There's no doubt that the boycott will be widespread if the tests go ahead in their present form."

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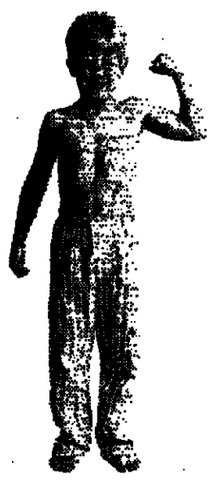
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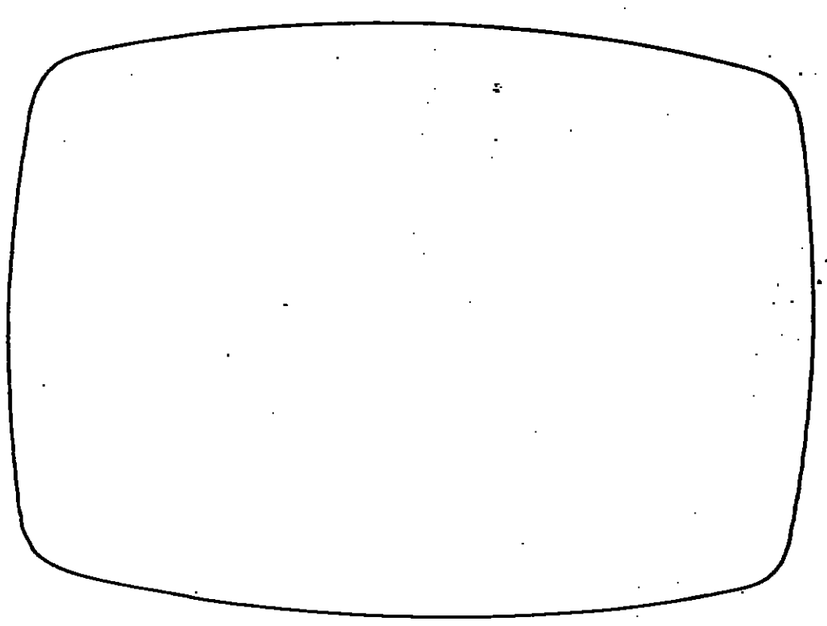
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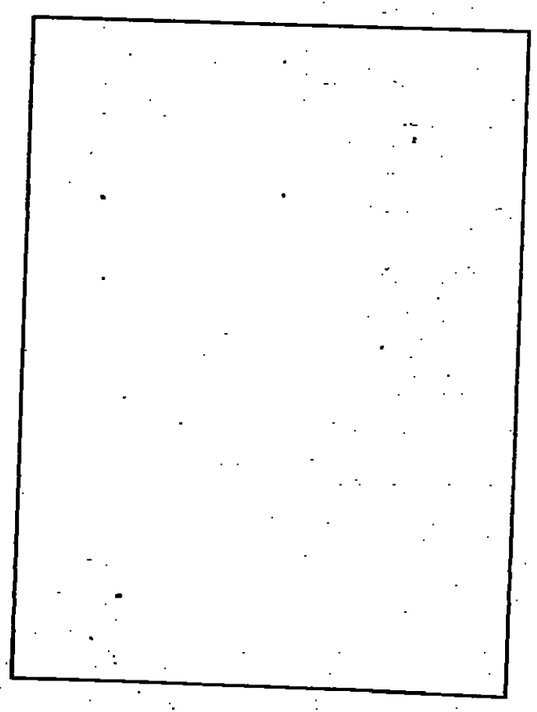
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Loyalist terrorists target Gaelic sports association in Ulster

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MEMBERS of a leading nationalist sports organisation in Northern Ireland will be the target for attack by Loyalist paramilitaries intent on matching IRA violence in 1993.

The threat to people involved in the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) follows a warning from the outlawed Ulster Defence Association that it will extend its terror campaign against a "pan-nationalist front" throughout the island.

Sources close to the UDA leadership, proscribed five months ago, said the "front" included the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the Irish government, members of Sinn Fein and the IRA as well as figures in the GAA. One said: "The GAA is a platform for the republican movement."

The source refused to say whether all members of the SDLP, Irish government and GAA, which has a membership of tens of thousands, would be targets for Loyalist paramilitaries in a year in which they have pledged to take the war to the republican movement. But he added: "Those people within the pan-nationalist movement will have to take responsibility for their actions."

In spite of the UDA sources saying they were against random attacks on Roman Catholics, the security forces and some unionist politicians fear there will be indiscriminate violence against members of the minority community.

Extra police and army checkpoints and patrols are operating in Loyalist areas of Belfast and Portadown in co. Armagh in an attempt to deter paramilitary attacks. Police were unable, however, to prevent an attack on a fast-food shop in south Belfast on Sunday evening, when the Red Hand Commandos, an offshoot of the UDA, set fire to the premises. Cecil Walker, Ulster Unionist MP for North Belfast, said yesterday he would be happy to talk to Loyalist paramilitaries to try to persuade them to end their violence. He would do anything to stop "this terrible spiral of violence".

But he said there was some understanding in certain Loyalist areas of what the paramilitaries were doing. "People see overtures being made by government to Sinn Fein. They feel they are losing everything and gaining nothing. That is a very dangerous situation to be in."

The main concern is that the Loyalists will perfect mechanisms to detonate bombs and will then plant one in a nationalist housing estate. A security force source said: "Given their expertise in other fields of terrorism, it is no major feat for them to make home-made explosives. If they could detonate bombs it would be a very worrying dimension to add to their expertise with firearms and grenades."

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist party, said: "I think within the Roman Catholic community there is considerable fear because the targets are not predictable."

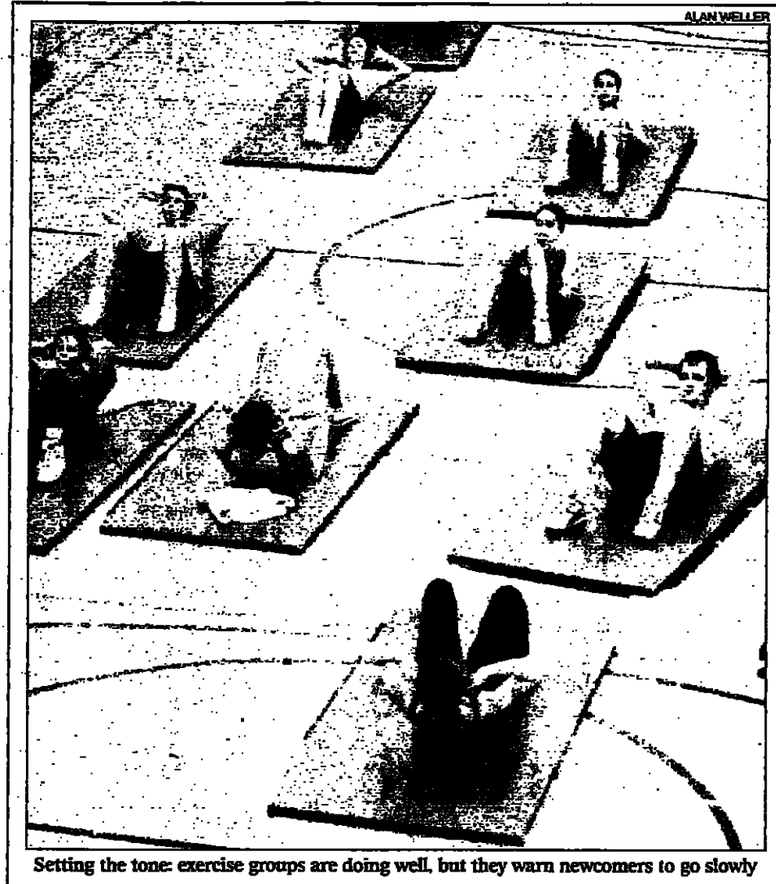
The Loyalists' threat to expand their campaign is driven by anger and frustration at the security forces' failure to defeat the IRA, and a perception that unionism has become marginalised by a British government paying more attention to the concerns of Dublin and the minority in the north.

The Loyalists say their campaign is part of a three-pronged strategy to force the British government to recognise that they have the capacity for greater violence, protecting Loyalist areas from IRA attack and taking on the republican movement.

The latter is the strongest motivation for Loyalist paramilitaries whose organisations, the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) and Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF), have been revitalised by younger leaders and new weaponry. "For too long we have had to sit back and watch British government policy fail. They have not had the will to take on the IRA. We will no longer sit by and watch the IRA carry out their genocidal campaign against the Loyalist community," said a source close to the UDA, which is widely seen by the security forces as a front for the UFF.

There is little doubt within the province that the UVF and UFF have the potential for much greater violence. For the first time since the mid-1970s Loyalist groups were responsible for more deaths than the IRA last year. Of a total of 84 deaths in 1992, Loyalist organisations killed 38 people, republicans 36 and the security forces 10.

ALAN WELLER



Setting the tone: exercise groups are doing well, but they warn newcomers to go slowly

Fitness classes bulge with good intentions

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE party's over. Christmas decorations have come down, new year resolutions have been made and business is booming for slimming groups and health centres.

After the excesses of drink and food in December and shamed by holiday brochures full of the young and slender, January is always the peak period for people to begin new fitness regimes. The streets and swimming pools become increasingly crowded, with many people aiming to take part in the British Telecom 5000 metres Swimathon on March 5-7 or the Nutrasweet London Marathon on April 18.

Weight Watchers said yesterday that since January 1, it had double the number of enquiries compared with an ordinary month. Brian Davies, who runs Tweedpark Gymnasiums in London, said five times as many people were now using his facilities compared with December.

"People whoop it up over Christmas and feel guilty, particularly when they see the holiday advertisements. This period is our busiest time of the year," Mr Davies said.

However, he added: "People must take care to exercise easily, particularly when you start again. Stop when you feel when you can do a little more, just as you should always leave a meal table when you can still eat a little more. Listen to your own body. Do not push yourself."

Jennie Tarsnane, of the Association of Health and Exercise Teachers, said people also started exercising in January to get fit for skiing holidays and because the children had gone back to school.

Linda Huett, general manager of Weight Watchers UK, said the key to losing weight was to have a regular eating pattern and a healthy nutritious diet. "Do not stop eating. That is usually the least successful way of losing weight."

She also recommends a moderate amount of activity but advises anyone taking vigorous regular exercise for the first time to have a medical examination.

Car parks chief denies fraud plot

THE chief executive of National Car Parks conspired to defraud a rival company, it was alleged in court yesterday.

Gordon Layton, 56, appeared at the Old Bailey with Simon Hewitt, 39, and Jane Turpin, 33, accused of conspiring to defraud Europarks by dishonestly acquiring information concerning its financial affairs with the intention of using it to benefit National Car Parks. All three denied the charge.

Mr Hewitt and Ms Turpin also denied deception by dishonestly obtaining for her the opportunity to work for Europarks by pretending that her CV was faithful and accurate and that she intended to work in the company's best interests.

David Paget, for the prosecution, said that because of Ms Turpin's medical condition the Crown had decided that it would not be in the public interest for her to be tried. Details of her condition were not disclosed. Judge Hawkins ordered the charges against her to lie on file.

After the jurors were sworn in they were sent away, enabling the court to deal with legal argument. The trial, which could last until Easter, is expected to open next week.

Stonehenge enquiry delayed

BY RACHEL KELLY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

A PUBLIC enquiry into English Heritage's plans for a visitors' site at Stonehenge, which the government conservation body has been considering for eight years, will be delayed by at least six months.

The enquiry, which was forced by the opposition of Salisbury District Council to the proposals, was due to be held this March.

English Heritage and the National Trust are examining the possibility of an access road across less archaeologically sensitive land. They are talking to the defence ministry about leasing part of a garrison site north of Stonehenge, which would avoid bringing in a road from the east. The delay means that English Heritage and the trust will also be able to submit detailed plans for the centre.

Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said: "Throughout the years of developing proposals, English Heritage has sought to consider every available option to ensure that we produce the best scheme possible for this sensitive site."

The way it isn't



PARENTS with young children will have felt shivers down their spines at the latest health visitor scare-story. Two small children have been taken into care because their parents' house is untidy.

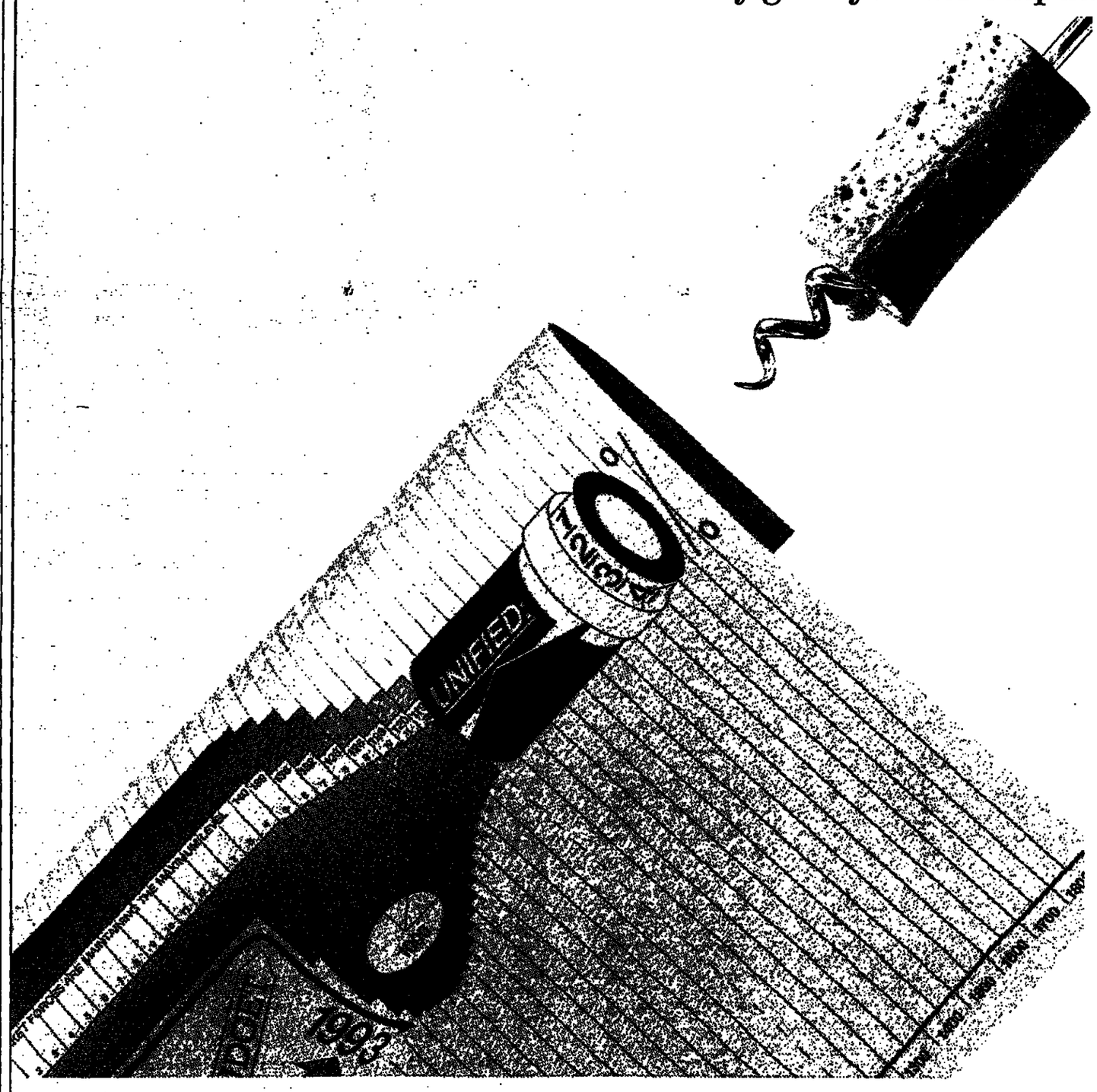
In the first year of a child's life, the health visitor pops in every few weeks "just to see how things are going". My wife and I are both dreadfully untidy and our children have inherited this double dose of untidy genes. Recently, a friend arrived to stay before we had come back from a day in London. "I'm sorry to say this, but I'm afraid you've had a burglary," she said. After a quick check, we were able to reassure her that, no, the house was always like that.

I used to heap scorn on my wife for tidying up before the health visitor came round. "Do you honestly think," I would chortle, "that she'll take them into care just because the house is untidy?"

One day, I was chatting to the health visitor, a jolly sort of woman, and I asked her whether she had ever had to take children into care. It was an awful decison to have to make, she said, but yes, she had. A little boy had fallen downstairs and she had advised his parents to get a stair guard. They hadn't. He had fallen downstairs again. "So, regrettably ..."

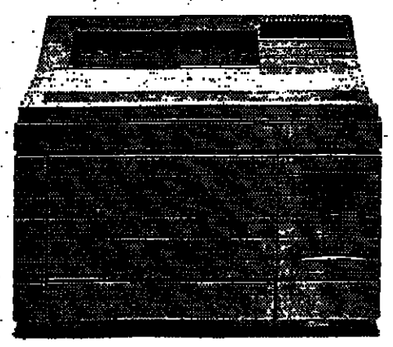
We will be getting the industrial cleaners in before her next visit, plus stair guards galore. But we are in a happier position than a prep school teacher friend. Whenever he gets cross with a boy, the class chants: "O Eight Hundred! Double One, Double One!" It is the number of Esther Rantzen's Childline.

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Register of MPs' business interests highlights differences between the parties



Portillo: given Persian rug by a constituent

Peter Fry had a busy 1992. The Tory MP for Wellingborough for the past 23 years went on five trips paid partly or wholly by other people. Twice he was the guest of British Airways. He was also a consultant to three political advisory firms with seven clients.

Mr Fry was not alone. More than a half of Tory MPs, excluding ministers and whips, hold outside consultancies and just under half are company directors. Sir Dudley Smith, the Tory MP for Warwick and Leamington, is a partner in a consultancy, with 13 clients. Some 72 Tory MPs went on a total of 211 paid overseas trips, as well as fitting in a general election campaign. British Airways paid for 15 trips overseas by MPs, some as far as Jakarta.

If you want to understand the [redacted] difference between the main parties, just look at the register of members' interests. Tory MPs of all ages collect directorships and outside consultancies, while few Labour MPs do.

The first edition of the new parliament, published yesterday, underlines the extent of outside interests, as well as more bizarre aspects of MP's life. Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, records the gift of a Persian rug from Mr F. Matini, a member of his local Conservative association in Enfield Southgate. Andrew Faulds, an MP for nearly 27 years, notes under trades or professions that he is an "actor with a valuable voice". Mr Faulds, who will be 70 in March, became widely known for his starring role as Jet Morgan in *Journey into Space* in the 1950s, before some current MPs were born.

Former ministers have been particularly active in picking up consultancies and directorships. Kenneth Baker, who left the cabinet last April, reports that on December 1, the date of the register, he was a non-executive director of Hanson and Torrey Investments, and a honorary director of UK-Japans 2000 Group. He is an adviser to ICL and Cable and Wireless. Tom King, who left the cabinet at the same time, has become a director of Electra Investment Trust.

The register shows that, while 25 of the 63 Tory MPs newly elected last April held 38 consultancies between them, none of the 69 new Labour members had any. Similarly, although 22 new Tory MPs held 33 directorships, only one new Labour member was a director. That was Nick Raynsford, the Labour MP for Greenwich, who was a director of a housing consultancy he jointly ran.

Nirj Deva, the new Tory MP for Brentford and Isleworth, holds three directorships, including one linked to his family interests in Sri Lanka. Another consultancy is with a public affairs group, and he is directly involved with five of its clients. He also went on four paid trips between April and December, totalling 32 days. Overall, 149 Tory MPs held a total of 311 consultancies to outside groups, some having as many as five or six.

Since ministers and whips cannot hold such consultancies or be directors, this excludes roughly a quarter of the 336 Tory members of the Commons.

By contrast, only 19 of the 261 Labour MPs had 23 outside consultancies between them. The latter does not cover links with trade unions which sponsor 145 Labour MPs. This mainly involves payments to local constituency parties and there is no direct financial benefit to the MP.

There was an even larger contrast in the holding of directorships. A total of 123 Tory MPs held 221 directorships, while just 12 Labour members held 18 directorships. However, some Labour MPs earn income from occasional journalism and broadcasting.

The register requires MPs to list remunerated directorships of companies, paid employments or offices, the names of clients related to an MP's service in the Commons, financial sponsorships, overseas visits related to membership of the Commons, large land and property holdings and the identity of sizeable shareholdings. In practice, there are considerable variations in the extent of MPs' frankness in their declarations.

Just before the last general election, the select committee on members' interests recommended a number of changes which were intended to improve the consistency and clarity of registration. These proposals have not yet been debated by the Commons.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories to rebel over tobacco adverts

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

A BAN on all tobacco advertising will be demanded by a Conservative-led team of MPs later this month in defiance of government policy.

A report from the Commons health committee, to be published on January 20, calls on ministers to drop opposition to an EC directive for a Community-wide ban. It is expected to argue that the weight of evidence shows that advertisements lure non-smokers, most notably children, into buying cigarettes for the first time.

Tobacco is a money-spinner for the Treasury, bringing in more than £6 billion in duty last year and an estimated £6.6 billion this year. By comparison alcohol brought in £2.3 billion in 1991/92.

Sir John Cope, the paymaster general, recently urged other EC countries to follow Britain by penalising smokers with similarly high duties. In some countries, such as Spain, cigarettes cost as little as 41p for a packet of 20.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, told the committee that she relied on high prices and the voluntary code on advertising to deter smokers. However, some committee MPs believe that the report and recent research will make it impossible for the government to maintain its line against a statutory ban.

Privately they believe that Mrs Bottomley is sympathetic to a ban but faces opposition from the Treasury, which fears reduced revenues. The Tory hierarchy is also reluctant to antagonise the tobacco industry, which contributes generously to party funds.

The committee, chaired by the former Tory junior minister Marion Roe, sided with the EC and the anti-smoking lobby after studying the latest evidence from the government's advisers. It is expected that the report will dismiss Mrs Bottomley's argument that a statutory ban would be "a very serious step" to take in a free country.

The strength of the government's opposition will be tested on January 27, when Hugh Bayley, Labour MP for York, introduces a Bill along the lines of the EC directive to outlaw tobacco advertisements in Britain. Mr Bayley, a member of the health committee, said yesterday: "There is no other product that is legally on sale that, used in moderation and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, kills people."

Clive Smee, chief economics adviser at the health department, said last October that an advertising ban could cut smoking by up to 16 per cent. Research commissioned by the Health Education Authority indicated that advertising influences non-smokers. It found that children who start smoking at age 11 to 14 choose the most advertised brands.

Divisions in cabinet slow pace of moves towards press curbs

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

■ Downing Street says there will be no haste in bringing in new controls on the press, called for in the Calcutt report

JOHN Major is to tread carefully over proposals for statutory curbs on the press amid signs of wide divisions among ministers and MPs of all parties.

The government appears unlikely to give its response to the recommendations of the Calcutt report until a Commons committee has completed its own enquiry in the second half of February.

Clear differences of emphasis in the cabinet are expected to emerge when Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, reports to it on Thursday on Sir David Calcutt's proposals, which include an official tribunal with tough powers to impose fines for breaches of a statutory code.

Some ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, are believed to favour a hard line, while others such as Mr Brooke himself, Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative chairman, and Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, are more cautious. Mr Major, angered by newspaper coverage of the events leading to the resignation of David Mellor, the private financial affairs of the Chancellor and the marriage difficulties of the Prince and Princess of Wales, is believed to support fresh curbs, although it is unclear whether he would accept a standing tribunal.

Sources close to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that he had been wrongly portrayed as a hardliner, and that he was instinctively opposed to statutory intervention, a view shared by colleagues such as Michael Howard, the environment secretary.

While many Tory MPs expect the cabinet to support the Calcutt recommendations to curb invasions of privacy by outlawing electronic eavesdropping through bugging devices and long-range photographs, they believe it may balk at the idea of a statutory tribunal.

Indications that the cabinet would face a backbench revolt if it went ahead with the most draconian of the Calcutt proposals emerged yesterday. Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 90-strong Conservative 92 Group, said that if the government accepted the idea of tribunals of judges imposing fines on a free press it was not merely playing with fire, but "playing with the flamethrower".

Mr Major has yet to read the report, and Downing Street emphasised that there would be no haste in bringing in new controls. The contentious nature of the report is expected to result in it being sent to a special cabinet committee, possibly chaired by Mr Major.

It is likely that the government's conclusions will await the Commons debate on January 29 on the bill introduced by the Labour MP Clive Soley to compel newspapers to correct factual errors, and the publication of the report of the national heritage select committee on privacy and media intrusion. Mr Soley himself yesterday called on the prime minister to introduce legislation to protect the freedom of the press.

Ann Clwyd, the shadow national heritage secretary, said: "Self-regulation has failed — I am convinced of that. There will be a lot of support throughout the country for a statutory code of practice." But other MPs united in opposition to statutory curbs. Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP for Fife North-East, said: "Restriction of the press is not justified or workable." John Bowis, the Battersea Tory MP, said: "We have to be very careful not to endanger a free press because of the understandable irritations that come from offensive reporting of the private lives of particular individuals in public life."

Sir Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's former press secretary, speaking of Tory MPs who wanted some controls on the media, said: "Do they want to suppress freedom of expression? It seems to me that they haven't thought very seriously about all this."

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Newspaper caution cuts libel pay-outs

By Nicholas Watt and Paul Wilkinson

NEWSPAPERS are facing fewer libel writs and some are avoiding damaging stories altogether after the high pay-outs of the 1980s, a survey found yesterday.

Legal managers from national newspapers said that the hundreds of thousands of pounds paid out in the 1980s had had a sobering effect and in-house lawyers now did their best to resolve complaints before they reached court.

Charles Collier-Wright, the Mirror Group's legal manager, said that *The People*, which exposed David Mellor's affair with Antonia de Sancha, was more cautious. "There has not been a change of policy but there seems to have been a change in the style of papers."

Justin Walford, legal adviser at Express Newspapers, said that after the huge pay-outs of the 1980s in-house lawyers had been leant on to resolve cases at an early stage. But people were also reluctant to sue newspapers. "Since the Sonia Sutcliffe case [in which her award was substantially reduced on appeal] there is now better guidance to juries," Mr Walford said. "Libel is more of a gamble for plaintiffs."

Stuart Patrick, *The Daily Telegraph*'s legal adviser, agreed that libel had become less popular. The *Telegraph* readers' representative, appointed in 1990, had also helped to reduce the number of libel cases.

News International, which publishes *The Sun*, *News of the World*, *Today*, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, said there had been a significant fall in the number of writs received by its tabloids after the introduction of the Press Complaints Commission. Daniel Taylor, a lawyer at News International, said: "There has been a reduction in the region of 40 per cent and the trend is downwards."

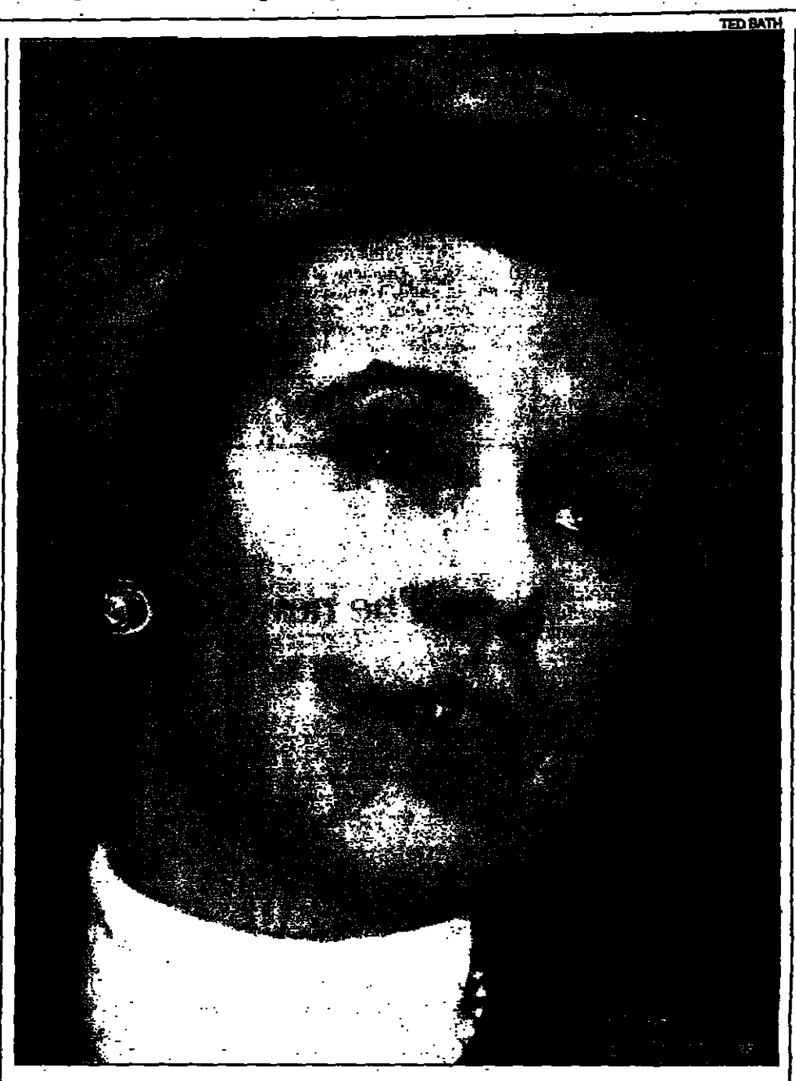
In 1992, 89 complaints against *The Sun* went to the the commission, compared with 132 in 1991.

Antony Whitaker, legal manager of Times Newspapers, was not convinced that the tide was turning against libel actions. "I have always held the view that there is nothing like a libel jury for being generous with other people's money."

Sir Gordon Downey, *The Independent*'s ombudsman, said he was receiving fewer complaints and he doubted the merits of the latest Calcutt proposals.

Neil Fowler, editor of the *Journal* in Newcastle, said complaints against his paper had decreased since it adopted the original Calcutt guidelines. He opposed the latest Calcutt proposals and believed the PCC should be retained. "The attitude of most MPs who support controls is a tissue of hypocrisy. They use the press for their own ends regularly and only object when it turns on them," he said.

TED BATH



Official view: Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, at a Royal College of Physicians conference on mental health at work yesterday. She said that up to 170,000 doctors, nurses and other staff may be suffering from depression or some other form of mental illness. "A company of 1,000 employees can expect between 200 and 300 with depression and anxiety in any one year, and one suicide every decade," she said. Research was about to begin into mental health problems in the NHS workforce. Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said that on the basis of national figures, four members of the cabinet were likely to be depressed and anxious.

Major and Heseltine consider pits reprieve

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

THE prime minister will hold a meeting with Michael Heseltine tonight to discuss a climbdown on the pit closure programme, one of many potentially damaging issues facing the government this month. The President of the Board of Trade will spell out his favoured options for saving up to half the 31 pits earmarked for closure, in advance of the Boyd report, due this week, on the viability of 21 of the pits.

MPs returned to Westminster yesterday to face what is expected to be another rough ride for the government over the coming weeks. While the economy and rising unemployment will dominate, ministers will also have to tackle a number of other embarrassing issues.

The government is bracing itself for critical reports from some select committees as well as a reopening of the row over arms to Iraq and Norman Lamont's finances.

While the government has broadly accepted that the political argument for saving some pits overrides the economic argument, Mr Heseltine has no cheap, easy option to increase the coal market and the Treasury is bound to fight any proposal for extra funding. The cabinet is said to be sharply divided.

The white paper on the future of the coal industry, due early next month, will coincide with the government's plans for closing several of London's top hospitals.

The government will have to sort out its position on the privatisation of British Rail. A bill is expected in the next two weeks but cabinet ministers are split on how far it can pursue its white paper objectives.

The Chancellor's finances will come under the spotlight today when the committee on members' interests will consider a draft report on the £18,000 Mr Lamont received from a Tory benefactor to help with legal bills.

Benefits reforms disappoint

THERE is no evidence that the 1988 social security reforms have improved benefit provision, according to a government report published yesterday (Jill Sherman writes). The report, from the Government Statistical Service, suggests that sweeping reforms designed to simplify the social security system have done nothing to increase take-up of means-tested benefits.

About one in five of those entitled to benefit were not claiming the payment in 1989, the latest figures available, which are unchanged from those in 1987.

Whitehall officials admitted yesterday that the broad picture was unchanged, but it was impossible to tell whether there had been any improvement or fall in take-up of individual benefits, due to high margins of error.

The results, culled from the family expenditure survey, will fuel the debate on further targeting of benefits being considered by both Labour and the Conservatives.

There is also some indication that take-up for income support, the main benefit for the long-term unemployed, which replaced supplementary benefit, has fallen. The report shows that 83 per cent of those entitled to housing benefit claim the payment, 75 per cent of those on income support and only 57 per cent of those on family credit. This compares with 80 per cent, 81 per cent and 51 per cent respectively in 1987.

Since the reforms, social security ministers have talked about the higher take-up of family credit, which goes to working families, against family income supplement which it replaced. However, officials insisted yesterday that this could not be proven. Errors crept in because many claimants failed to report that they had taken up benefits.

☐ *Income related benefits: estimates of take up, 1989. £4. DSS.*

AROUND THE LOBBY

Clarke defends asylum bill

The government did not want to "bundle people out of the country" but could not open Britain up to anyone who wanted to live here, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, told the Commons yesterday (Robert Morgan writes).

As about 1,000 people lobbied Parliament in protest at the asylum and immigration appeals bill, Mr Clarke was explaining a change to it to ensure that applicants for asylum would not be forced to leave before their applications and appeals had been considered.

He told MPs that 19 out of 20 applications for refugee status turned out not to be within the terms of the United Nations Geneva convention on refugees. "We cannot open our doors to all who think that they would have a better quality of life here," he said.

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Noisy MPs 'selfish'

As MPs reassembled after the Christmas break, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, made clear her anger about the demonstration that disrupted the last day of the sitting in December. On that occasion a group of Scottish Labour MPs, annoyed that a statement on health service trusts had not been made in the Commons, defied rulings from the Chair and most of the sitting was wiped out.

Yesterday, Miss Boothroyd spoke of MPs being "extremely selfish" in preventing debate on important matters because a subject of their choosing was not debated. She appealed for support from all quarters for her determination to protect the "long tradition of free speech in this House".

No change

Tony Banks, the Labour MP for Newham North West, demanded that the Commons chamber be modernised from the status of "a pokey second division football ground" to include desks, microphones and an electronic voting system for MPs. Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, said there were no plans to change the chamber's lay-out.

Somalia aid

Britain is to give a further £2.4 million to help the victims of the famine and civil war in Somalia, Baroness Chalker, the overseas aid minister, announced. This brings to £34.5 million to amount given by Britain since the beginning of last year.

On the move

Off-peak traffic in London travels at about 31 kilometres an hour compared with only 28 in Paris, Steve Norris, minister for London's traffic, said at question time. Comparisons with other European cities was impossible because the authorities did not attempt to record average speeds.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: defence; prime minister. Debate on Opposition motion on the privatisation of British Rail.

Euro-sceptics launch winter offensive in war against Maastricht

By Jonathan Prynn

A RALLY at Hyde Park followed by a candle-lit vigil outside 10 Downing Street next weekend will form the centre-piece of the winter offensive against the Maastricht treaty by Tory opponents of monetary and political integration.

Having come so close to defeating the government in the Commons vote on the treaty in November the sceptics, or realists as they prefer to be called, have spent the Christmas recess plotting their tactics.

The bill returns to the Commons tomorrow to recommence its committee stage, involving line-by-line scrutiny of the treaty and debate of dozens of amendments and new clauses. The sceptics were hoping to hear last night whether a clause requiring a referendum on the treaty has been selected for debate.

Bill Cash, the Conservative MP for Stafford and a leading figure in the anti-Maastricht movement, said the campaign against the bill would be waged outside Parliament as well as on the floor of the Commons.

The "Day for Democracy" rally at Hyde Park, followed by a march to Trafalgar Square and the Downing Street vigil on Sunday 17 January, is aimed at galvanising and uniting the disparate groupings in the anti-Maastricht movement.

Speakers at the rally will include Peter Shore, Tony Benn, Austin Mitchell and probably Bryan Gould from Labour; Nick Harvey from the Liberal Democrats; and Mr Cash and Sir Teddy Taylor from the Conservative ranks. The organisers hope for up to 5,000 supporters.

The Euro-sceptics believe the argument has moved their way over Christmas, and at their Great College Street campaign headquarters plans for a wider, more professionally organised anti-Maastricht grouping are being drawn up.

The parliamentary campaign is being waged on semi-military lines with briefs on "every single amendment" being prepared and distributed in advance to the Euro-sceptic supporters. An informal whipping system will be used to ensure that anti MPs are present in force at all stages of the debate and rotas organised to prevent the sceptics being defeated by sheer fatigue. The sceptics believe they command a majority among the electorate and will reserve some of their heaviest firepower in the chamber for any debate on a referendum.

Only two days have been devoted to the detailed scrutiny of the bill so far, but MPs fear that the pattern of the initial skirmishes — lengthy speeches from the sceptics punctuated by interruptions and points of order — will become all too familiar a feature of parliamentary life during the first half of the year. Hundreds of amendments and new clauses have been tabled, although most will not be debated. For debating purposes, the amendments have been bundled into groups according to subject area. The two days allocated to scrutiny of the bill next week will be devoted to general issues and principles.

The Euro-enthusiasts believe that the over-enthusiasm of the sceptics will prove their undoing. Peter Temple-Morris, the Conservative MP for Leominster, said he expected the rebels to begin to crack by March.

On most votes the government can count on commanding majorities. However, the prospects of a series of debates stretching out until May combined with the unpredictable behaviour of an Opposition that scents blood, adds up to a whips' office nightmare. According to one whip, complacency and boredom will be the government's biggest enemies.

There is a feeling in government that it does not face in Bill Cash and Sir Teddy Taylor the same quality of opponent as the "very accomplished parliamentary performers" lined up 20 years ago in the Common Market debate. "Bill Cash is not Enoch Powell," was the view of one government supporter.

Business to business: business opportunities

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Clinton seizes on deficit to back away from tax cuts

President Bush said that the Democrats would tax and spend. he latest projections suggest they will be forced to tax and cut back

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

LON Panetta, Bill Clinton's minee as budget director, ed Senate confirmation arings yesterday as congressnal Democrats, in what peared to be a carefully chestrated effort, helped the sident-elect backtrack from a election pledge to cut taxes f the middle class.

ith only nine days remainin until inauguration day, Dmocrats used last week's sply higher estimates of the 116 and 1997 federal budgdeficits to suggest that Mr Clton may not be able to ful a vow to reduce taxes for Aerican families earning uer $80,000 (£51,000) and mht have to go slow on plans f higher public investment in merica's infrastructure.

ressed to say whether the w administration would sti to Mr Clinton's campgn promise to halve the biget deficit within four yrs, Mr Panetta was keen to sustitute the word "goal" in ple of "pledge". He told sentors: "The numbers in thgame change a great deal. It's always tough to tie yoself to a specific number. Yo set a deficit reduction goal th is credible and that you arwilling to enforce." Durin the hearing, Mr Panetta al indicated that Mr Clinton w veering away from tax cu. "Our first priority right nw is deficit reduction, and to d the investments that need toe made," he said.

lis comments came only a dy after three senior Democtic congressmen said in sarate interviews that a tax c for the middle class might bve to be put off because of te soaring budget deficit. Aked whether tax cuts could g ahead, Thomas Foley, the House Speaker, said: "I'm not se, in the light of the present cumstances, that that shuldn't be rethought."

n Sunday, Robert Dole, th senior Republican Senator o Capitol Hill, scoffed at Dmocrat claims that Mr Clinton's economic plans had been upset by unexpected increases in the estimates for the annual deficit over the next four years. Recalling President Bush's broken promise not to raise taxes, Senator Dole said: "It could be 'read my lips' all over again."

Last week, the Office of Budget and Management increased its deficit projections and estimated that by 1997 the federal government's annual overspend would amount to $305 billion instead of $237 billion.

Mr Clinton described the



Dole: scoffed at the Democrats' claims

new estimates as an "unsettling revelation". His aides accused the Bush administration of having lied during the election campaign about the worsening state of federal government finance. Bankers and Wall Street analysts yesterday accused the Democrats, who have controlled Congress for nearly a decade, of feigning surprise about the raised deficit estimates.

Throughout the year, various government agencies have had to revise the deficit projections upwards and in August the Congressional Budget Office, a Democrat-controlled body, raised its 1996 projection of $193 billion annual overspend by $61 billion. The August revision placed the Clinton camp in a difficult position. It could either ignore the new figure and proceed to push its pump-priming economic policy or adopt a Ross Perot-type approach and put forward a much more austere deficit reduction programme.

As President Bush had no reason in his campaign to highlight the worsening projections, Mr Clinton chose to push his original economic promises. Last month, at a meeting in Washington, he was told that the long-term economic outlook was even worse than supposed in the summer and that the assumptions behind the policy on which he campaigned were unsustainable.

Mr Clinton had vowed to unveil a jobs programme in his inaugural address, but that is now unlikely, and his chief economic aides have still to come out with a plan that can see him fulfil his promise to cut the deficit by half before the next presidential election campaign, reduce middle-class taxes, and invest heavily in the country's infrastructure. Even the core of Clinton economics, a belief that public investment will increase productivity, is being debated by the president-elect's advisers.

☐ **Perot speaks:** Ross Perot ended a two-month public silence yesterday with the announcement that he was going to launch a nationwide membership drive to transform United We Stand, his volunteer campaigning organisation, into a political watchdog.

Reiterating his claim that he wanted to recreate government that "comes from the people, not at the people", the Dallas businessman said he wanted the new watchdog to monitor Congress and to pressure the Clinton administration into abiding by its campaign pledge to cut the federal budget deficit by half within four years.



Heavy duty: Nicholas, an Alaskan malemute, leaping as it takes the strain on a weighted sled in a competition at Milwaukee county zoo yesterday

Ballet fans bid adieu to their blithe spirit

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

HUNDREDS of people paid homage to Rudolf Nureyev yesterday, filing past a portrait of the ballet dancer in the grand foyer of the Paris Opéra, where he gave his first and last performances in the West.

In a black-and-white picture taken in his prime, the dancer, who died last Tuesday, beamed his trademark impishness and arrogance beneath the gilt and marble columns of the vast Victorian hall. Elderly admirers from all over Europe mingled with girls from the ballet schools, some giggling, as they waited their turn to sign four registers. "Farewell, our best-loved spirit," said one inscription in Russian. Another, in French, said: "You have rejoined the greatest ones in the kingdom where you will dance forever."

Aude, a former dancer who had come specially from Chartres, fought back tears as she wrote: "You will be missed." Then, referring to the critics who were less than kind in Nureyev's last years, she said: "He was a myth, a great star. What angers me is that sometimes he wasn't appreciated during his lifetime by the very people who are making such a thing about his death."

Nureyev, who died of Aids, is to be buried today in the Russian cemetery of Sainte-Geneviève-des-Bois, south of Paris, after a non-religious service at the Opéra, where his relations with the company were far from cordial. He was sacked from his job as head of the Opéra Ballet in 1989 after six difficult years.

Jack Lang, the education and culture minister, is to deliver the main eulogy at the service, which will be attended by leading figures from the arts world. Nureyev will be buried at a private ceremony near the tomb of Serge Lifar, the choreographer who died in 1986, and in front of the tomb of a tsarist army colonel. The local *préfet* (governor) had to intervene to obtain space in the cemetery for Nureyev after the local mayor, a Communist party member, objected on the ground that the cemetery was closed to Russian families who did not live in his district.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fears grow for 400 boat people

Miami: The US Coast Guard fears that almost 400 people may have died when an overloaded freighter carrying Haitian refugees sank in heavy seas in the southern Bahamas just before Christmas (David Adams writes.)

News of the tragedy — believed to be the worst drowning of Haitian boat-people since their exodus began in the 1970s — only emerged after Cuban authorities picked up eight survivors, who said they were amoung 396 people on the 70ft "Vierge Miracle" (Miraculous Virgin) when it sank on December 21.

Last week 352 Haitians arrived in Miami on one ship, and more than 38,000 have been picked up by the Coast Guard in the past 15 months.

Heroin cache

Ankara: Acting on a tip-off from American drugs enforcement officers, Turkish warships have seized a Panamanian freighter carrying 14 tons of heroin in international waters near the Suez Canal, Ismet Sezgin, the interior minister, said. *(AP)*

Envoy replaced

Managua: President Chamorro of Nicaragua is to replace the ambassador to the United States, a source here said. *Newsweek* magazine alleges that Ernesto Palazio is suspected of providing intelligence to the office of Senator Jesse Helms, a critic of Señora Chamorro. *(Reuter)*

Liver transplant

Pittsburgh: A man of 62, whose liver was damaged by hepatitis and who became the world's second recipient of a baboon liver, woke up after a transplant operation at the university here. Doctors said the liver was working as if it were human. *(AP)*

Aids screening

Hanoi: Prostitutes, drug addicts, prisoners, homosexuals and foreigners who want to live in Vietnam are to be tested for the HIV virus that causes Aids, a news report said here. Local people testing positive will be refused permission to marry. *(Reuter)*

New York Irish squabble over right to parade sex and politics with religion

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

TE annual St Patrick's day pade in March has always prided New Yorkers of Irish stk with an opportunity to dlay two of their primary cracteristics, patriotism and bigerence. This year the fiting has started two nths early with a dispute or gay rights and whether nchers should be allowed to ress their political, and en Republican, sympathies apart of the parade.

For more than a century the rade up Fifth Avenue, the gest in the United States, has en organised by the Ancient der of Hibernians, an Irish-tholic fraternal society unded in 1836 and strongly posed to homosexuality. st week the city's administation, led by David Dinkin, e mayor, announced that is year's parade on March 7 would be sponsored inead by the St Patrick's day arade committee, a group of eral Irish-Americans closely lied to the mayor, which has mised to allow the Irish Gy and Lesbian Organisation to march for the first time under its own banner.

The dispute has brought to a head longstanding divisions within the Irish-American community between the older, traditional Irish who see the parade primarily as a religious event, and the younger, more liberal members of the community who regard the occasion as an opportunity to express their political views. The Hibernians have hitherto forbidden the displaying of political signs and the chanting of slogans, but the new organisers have made it clear they will permit political groups as well as homosexuals to play a part in the parade, raising fears that Republican sympathisers may try to turn the event into a demonstration against British involvement in Northern Ireland.



Dinkins: says gays were discriminated against

"We will be encouraging people to be more active in terms of presenting viewpoints with regard to the participation of Northern Ireland," said Patrick O'Dwyer, a member of the parade committee. "The community will speak out on issues that are important to them."

During Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, Cardinal John O'Connor of New York attacked the decision to permit homosexuals to march in the parade and the intrusion of politics. Yesterday the Hibernians went to court in an attempt to block the city's action, arguing that the march is a religious event and that allowing gays to participate would violate the church's teachings on homosexuality.

The mayor defended the decision to allow gays and other groups to participate. "The reason they were being excluded was because they were homosexual," he said. "We have laws against discrimination ... I'm very sensitive to that." Two years ago Mr Dinkins, sporting a green sash, marched with a small group of bannerless homosexuals and was doused with beer, apparently by outraged Hibernians.

For the more traditional members of the Irish community, the inclusion of homosexuals and others is seen as proof that what should be a quintessentially Irish occasion has become simply another expression of American multiculturalism, reflecting not a cohesive Irish community but one deeply divided in terms of politics, sexuality, religion and attitudes to Northern Ireland.

Russians sniff out the real Smirnov

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Customers clustered round Moscow's alcohol-dispensing kiosks during these long January evenings who find themselves seeing double can blame the phenomenon on the oddities of the market economy rather than the addling of the brain.

The Cold war has broken out anew — this time over the really important thing in Russian life: vodka. A new domestic-produced brand, Real Smirnov, is challenging the American Smirnoff in a trade and patent war to be fought out on the territory of the world's most committed drinkers. Boris Smirnov, a descendant of the purveyor of vodka to the tsars, maintains that he is the legitimate heir to the pre-revolutionary trade-name, a claim accepted earlier this year by Moscow's patent office.

Heublein Inc, the America-based manufacturers of Smirnoff responded by requesting a patent for their name which was rejected due to the similarity with Smirnov. The appeals chamber then reached a particular useless compromise, banning both bidders from using the name. This being Russia and such rulings worth somewhat less than the paper they are written on, both producers pressed ahead in their campaign to conquer the market anyway.

The first 6,000 bottles of Real Smirnov were yesterday being put on the shelves. The vodka is produced in the southern region of Krasnodar, home to the traditional recipe. It will be sold in the pre-revolutionary sized bottle, carrying a label promising that the contents are the same as that savoured by the tsars. The product's image is intended to lure buyers of foreign vodkas back to home produce.

The fate of vodka has mirrored changes in Russian society. During the days of Brezhnevite stagnation, production was stepped up to ensure that the workers were too sozzled to complain about — or even notice — other shortages. Mikhail Gorbachev, in his zeal for reform, sought to do what not even the tsars had dared — to limit consumption. As Russia opened up, subsidies were reduced and the export market grew, home-produced vodka became rare and even today when price liberalisation has made most goods expensive but generally available, long queues form whenever the favoured home brands happen to appear.

Western producers were quick to spot the new market, even if did seem like carrying coals to Newcastle. Only Germany's "Gorbachev" brand has been a resounding failure: the name which made it a hit in the country of Gorbymania made it a dead-cert failure in Russia. Russians turn up their noses at Western vodkas and almost faint at the prices — 3,500 roubles (£6) for a bottle — but the shortages of their beloved Stolichnaya, and Moskovskaya have forced them to accept this Western incursion along with all the others.

But you can only push a Russian so far, and the Western vodka mixes are left untouched in the kiosks. President Yeltsin, a connoisseur, insists that triumphs such as the signing of treaties are toasted with the Russian variety. It would jeopardise friendly relations with the Kremlin to ask for a mixer.



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Far right prepares to gun down South African reforms

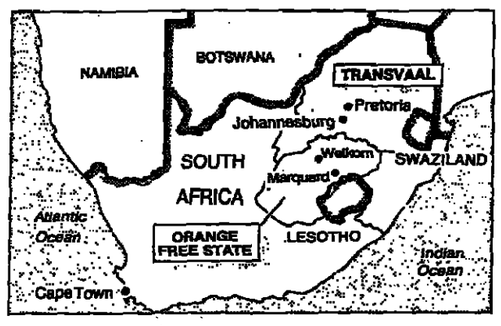
FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

■ The country is already awash with guns. Now there is evidence that extremists are attempting to acquire heavy weapons in preparation for a last stand in defence of white supremacy

EVIDENCE is coming to light in South Africa of the surreptitious and growing acquisition of arms by right-wing extremists. Faced with the implacable march of constitutional change, some irreconcilable factions are preparing to defend white supremacy to the last.

Much of the evidence comes from failed attempts to get hold of weapons, of which the most recent was a raid on a commando headquarters of the South African Defence Force at Welkom, in the Orange Free State. Fifty-two rifles and 24 phosphorous grenades, together with other arms and ammunition, were stolen by a group of men said to be members of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), the neo-Nazi movement led by Eugene Terre Blanche. Eight men have been detained for questioning and are expected to appear in court shortly.

Mr Terre Blanche has defended their action, although he says that he does not condone the theft. "This is an emergency situation and the *Boere* (farmers) have no weapons," he said. "The government won't give them any, and it is their fault this has happened."



The AWB has also been implicated in another failed attempt to buy arms, including anti-tank guns, anti-personnel mines and automatic rifles. The attempt was foiled by British intelligence, which was reported last week to have discovered a plot by two South Africans to buy a huge quantity of weapons. The pair ran up enormous telephone bills at the Brompton Hotel in London, and an alarmed management called in the police. The police tipped off the security services who eavesdropped on the pair ordering the weapons. They were interviewed, but as no offence was committed, they were allowed to leave once the bills were paid.

According to security sources quoted by *The Weekly Mail*, the Johannesburg left-wing newspaper, their bill was paid by a South African Cypriot linked to an arms trading company.

The white extremists are beginning to take matters into their own hands. There were two gun attacks by whites on black taxis in Fixburg, in the Orange Free State, on Christmas eve, said to have been in revenge for the attacks on white-owned farms in the area, in which a 14-year-old girl had been killed. In Randburg, a northern suburb of Johannesburg, two black men were shot by white gunmen in attacks which were later claimed by a man allegedly speaking for the Wit Wolwe ("white wolves"), an extreme right-wing group.

A few days later, the Wit Wolwe called a press conference in Brits, Transvaal, at which it promised to launch a series of attacks on the military wings of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress unless the government took drastic measures against them by today. The conference was held on the farm of the parents of Barend Strydom, the leader of the Wit Wolwe. Strydom, who had been sentenced for killing blacks at random in a Pretoria city square, was released from jail last September as part of a political amnesty.

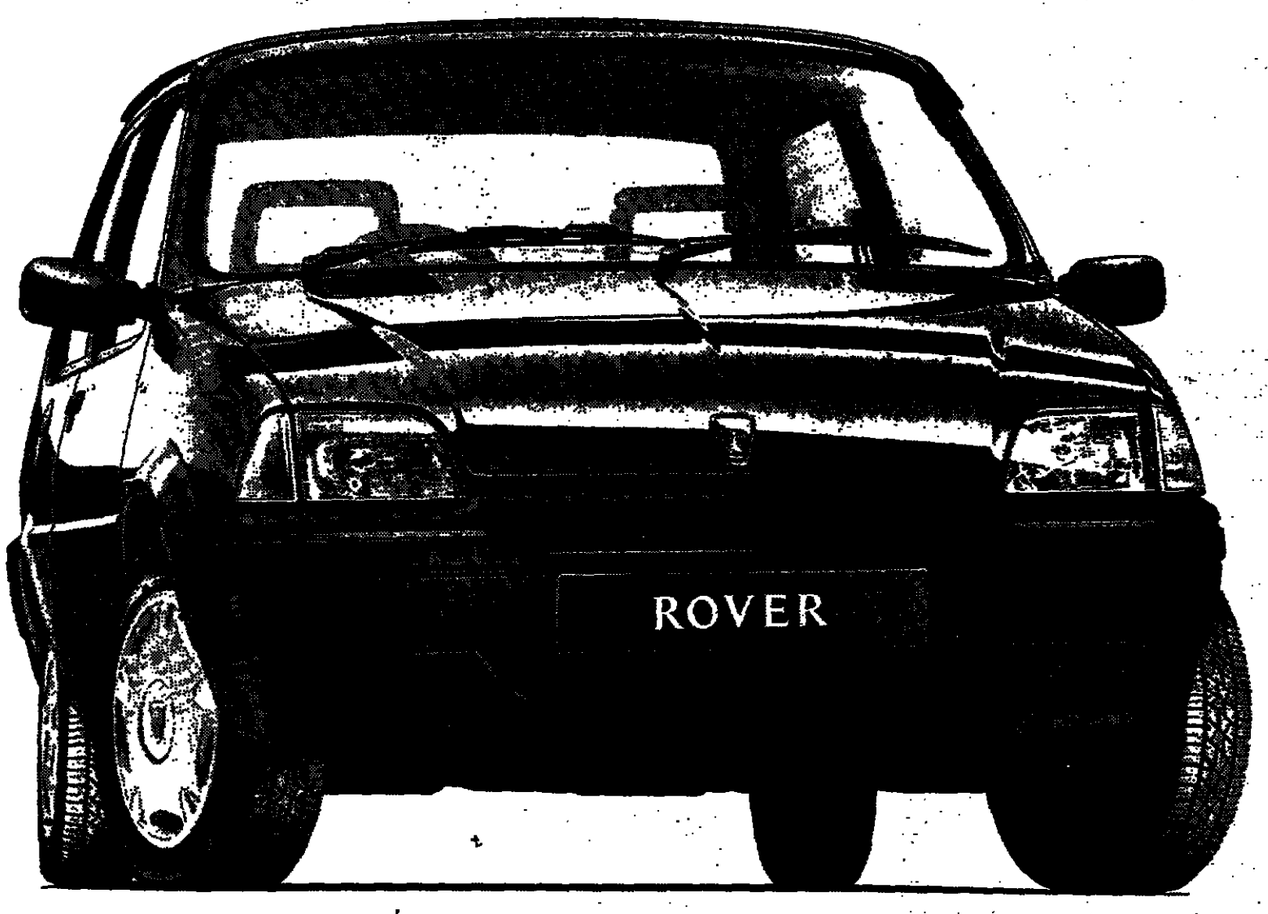
South Africa is already awash with guns. Many white householders legally carry handguns when they drive to work, and many houses in the white suburbs are defended with shotguns and other weapons. A shopper calmly shot a shoplifter in one of the grander Johannesburg stores last month. The toll of accidents as children playing with their parents' armaments kill their siblings, or as alarmed householders shoot their late-night visitors, is testimony to the general availability of guns.

The main obstacle to obtaining a gun licence is a criminal record, but even that can be disputed. Strydom is himself arguing that he should have a licence because his life is threatened. He says that he has never acted irresponsibly with a gun.



Boer bastion: Eugene Terre Blanche says farmers need arms for self defence

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Unita 'has army on the run'

FROM REUTER IN JOHANNESBURG

HEAVY fighting between Angola's opposition Unita forces and government troops in Cuito, the capital of central Bie province, was reported by rebel radio yesterday.

The Voice of the Resistance of the Black Cockerel station said: "Reports just in say that the enemy fled, abandoning hundreds of corpses and injured." It said that Unita soldiers were dominating despite "massive air support" for the government forces.

Jonas Savimbi, the leader of Unita (the Union for the Total Independence of Angola), denied yesterday that government troops had captured his headquarters in Huambo, the capital of neighbouring Huambo province. An army communiqué on Saturday said troops had captured the headquarters, a villa known as the "white house", and Dr Savimbi's supporters were fleeing.

Dr Savimbi said on Unita radio: "It is a lie that my house is in MPLA [government] hands. I am talking to you from Huambo. . . . I am at my post and will remain here." He said that Unita was ready to talk with the MPLA (the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola).

The Portuguese news agency, Lusa, reported on Sunday that fighting was continuing in Huambo. It quoted the army as saying that it controlled Cuito, Luena and Saurimo.

Weapons seized by marine

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICAN marines yesterday confiscated stocks of weapons in a sweep through Somalia's biggest arms market, in Mogadishu.

Major Ken Roberts said: "We feel we have taken a significant number of weapons off the streets and out of the market." The American military has promised to bring a measure of order to the anarchic Somali capital, paving the way for United Nations peacekeepers expected to replace the present task force.

A US official in Mogadishu said that he believed the Americans would contribute to the projected UN force but would not command it. He thought next week's presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton would not lead to an early change in American policy.

A ceasefire agreed between Somalia's warring factions was due to come into force yesterday. Diplomats hope that the militias will end their feuding. Yesterday a UN spokesman announced that a Somali working for the Irish charity Goal had been killed at a Mogadishu feeding centre on Sunday.

☐ **Athens:** Greece said yesterday that next month it would send a detachment of 120 men to Somalia to assist UN peacekeeping efforts. Zimbabawe announced that it is this week to send troops to assist the US-led contingent, and to act as a UN peacekeeping unit. *(Reuter, AP)*

Scots brave final days of colony

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

SERGEANT William Pratt has the words "Hong Kong — Hot as Hell, Never Again — 1973-74" tattooed on his arm; despite this it was he who raised the St Andrew's Cross for the first time at the guardhouse yesterday after the Royal Regiment of Wales formally handed over Stanley Fort, Hong Kong's premier military establishment, to the 1st Battalion, Black Watch.

"I did not expect to be back, but here I am," said the red-bearded sergeant, 37, from Methil Hill, Fife, in a rich accent as he raised the flag. "I suppose, in soldiering, you learn never to say 'never again'."

Indeed, it seems that the Scots, whose buccaneering business taipans were prominent among Hong Kong's first colonisers, will be among the last officially to leave the territory when it reverts to China in 1997.

Although the Black Watch's term in Hong Kong is officially for two years, kilted soldiers said yesterday as they replaced the Welsh troops at the guardhouse that they had been told they would probably remain for three and a half years and would be the last British unit here with their families.

They said that they would be relieved for the last six months of British rule by the recently amalgamated Royal Scots and Queen's Own Scottish Borderers. "It's going to be Jocks right up to the end," said Brian Baxter, 29, from Kirkcaldy, Fife, the sergeant of the guard. Senior military sources confirmed this although no thought has yet been given to any final handover.

Yesterday's handover ceremony between the Welsh and the Scots was held outside the officers' mess on a hilltop with a magnificent view of Hong Kong's southern islands. The Welsh Regiment's mascot, a goat named Taffy III, was present as Lieutenant Colonel Peter Davies, the Welsh commander, shook hands with Major Alastair London, the Black Watch second in command. The regiment's commander arrives today.

The Black Watch will take part in any future exercise, such as the postponed "Winged Dragon", should Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, give the go-ahead. "Winged Dragon" postulates a Chinese incursion into Hong Kong but was put off on the advice of Chris Patten, the governor, on the ground that it could be construed as provocative by the Chinese.

Taffy, a dignified 12-year-old, is being flown home today by a Hong Kong-based airline. Corporal David Joseph, BEM, from Cardiff, the "Goat Major", will travel in first-class splendour on the same flight.

The Black Watch had a fairly lively earlier incarnation in the colony. Asked what he remembered most about his previous posting in the 1970s, Sergeant Pratt's face lit up: "Punch-ups with the Yanks at the United Test Club," he said.

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UN 'ignoring Muslim and Croat no-fly violations'



*The Bosnian Serbs say the West is ignoring Croat and Muslim defiance of air exclusion orders, **Tim Judah** reports from Banja Luka*

WESTERN powers intent on enforcing the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina are overlooking vital new intelligence reports showing that Croats and Muslims, not Bosnian Serbs, are now the main trespassers.

A United Nations Security Council resolution is being considered which would authorise the shooting down of violators and the bombing of airfields among other actions. Diplomatic sources say enforcement of the ban will satisfy outraged Western public opinion, which wants action to punish the Serbs.

Western intelligence reports seen by *The Times* confirm that although the Serbs were the principal violators of the no-fly zone after its implementation last October 8, the situation has now been reversed. On some days in December there were several flights daily from Croatia to airfields in Croat and Muslim-held parts of the Republic.

Apart from reconnaissance flights, most of these, presumed to be carrying arms, flew to Coralici airfield close to the town of Cazin in Muslim-held territory in northwest Bosnia. There were also flights to Mostar in Croat-held Herzegovina. They were not, however, reported to be combat flights.

In the first week of January there were few violations of the ban by any side, but this may have been because of bad weather and a threat by Serbs in UN-controlled territories in Croatia to shoot down aircraft flying over their territory to reach Cazin and other areas.

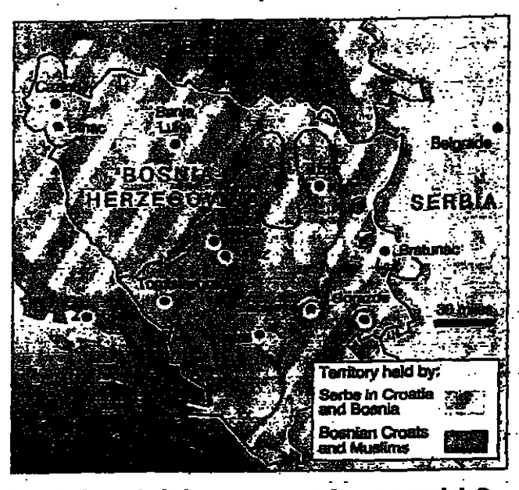
Concern over any UN enforcement action centres on the northern Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. When the Yugoslav air force left Bosnia last May it bequeathed to the Bosnian Serbs a significant number of warplanes and helicopters. These are based at Banja Luka's two airfields. Since last October the UN has not reported any unauthorised combat missions by the Serb warplanes but attention has focused on the use of their helicopters.

Bosnian Serb leaders say their helicopters are used only for the transfer and evacuation of wounded soldiers, flights which are authorised by the UN. It is clear, however, that military leaders also use the helicopters to commute across their territory. Significant numbers of reconnaissance and possibly helicopter combat flights are believed to have been flown, especially in October and November. Clearly fearing enforcement action, these flights have now been cut to the minimum.

According to General Zivomir Ninkovic, head of the Bosnian Serb air force, security council countries are fully aware of the real situation. He says that by comparing the reports of UN monitors stationed at Bosnian, Croatian and Yugoslav airfields with reports from radar surveillance planes, Western countries know who is violating the ban. However he says: "The main reason why there are continued reports that there are some combat flights is that they wish to provoke intervention at any cost."

General Ninkovic also said that Western countries were choosing to ignore his reports on violations commited by Croats and Muslims. These are compiled from radar monitoring in Banja Luka. For example, he claimed that on January 6 there were eight flights, mainly to Cazin. On December 30 there were 18. While the figures do not tally, the thrust of General Ninkovic's argument is borne out by Western intelligence reports. For example, on December 29 they noted ten violations. These were flights from Zagreb and another Croatian airport at Pula, to Cazin. UN monitors in Cazin have been prevented from examining the cargoes of several flights and have been able to see only those evacuating sick and wounded and those bringing in uniforms and blankets.

Captain Dominique Crochard, the deputy team leader of the UN monitors at Banja Luka, confirmed that he had not seen any unauthorised Serb helicopter flights taking off from Banja Luka heliport in the past month but said he had no information on take offs and landings elsewhere.



Nevertheless, asked about reports of widespread Serb violations, he said: "I hear about them on Radio France International, the Voice of America and the BBC ... and I am surprised."

Surface-to-air missiles can be seen on the periphery of the Banja Luka airfields, and Bosnian Serb leaders are sabre rattling, claiming that they are ready to shoot down anyone attempting to attack them. Junior officers, however, are far more worried. One said: "We must get the truth out, we really are not flying any more and as far as intervention is concerned it is five minutes to midnight."

Diplomatic sources confirmed that Croat and Muslim violators were flying from Zagreb, Pula, Karlovac, Split and and a number of other Croatian airports. One diplomat said: "We all know that enforcement of the no-fly zone is just a pretext for hitting the Serbs for other far more serious things. They are still the biggest problem, and these threats have developed a momentum of their own. I'm afraid that enforcement may mean bombing runways that are not being used."

For almost a year the Serbs have accused the UN Security Council of choosing to ignore information which does not suit the general policy objectives of Western and now Islamic countries. Western diplomats in the region are now becoming increasingly troubled by this as well. They point out that the UN now has no evidence of significant military assistance to the Bosnian Serbs by the Yugoslav army but that Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general has told the security council that regular soldiers of the Croatian Army are fighting in Bosnia. The security council has taken no action on this violation of its own resolutions.

The security council receives reports on the observance of the no-fly zone twice a week but there have been no public condemnations of Croat and Muslim violations. UN credibility and thus effectiveness is being severely undermined by these perceived failures.

President Bulatovic gains big poll lead

Belgrade: Momir Bulatovic, president of Montenegro, was re-elected by a wide margin over his staunchly pro-Serbian opponent, unofficial results showed yesterday.

Mr Bulatovic, who has indicated that he might reconsider Montenegro's alliance with Serbia, won 64 per cent of the vote in a run-off election on Sunday, according to provisional results published by the Tanjug news agency. Branko Kostic, a strong advocate of close ties with Serbia, received 36 per cent of the vote.

Serbia and Montenegro are Yugoslavia's only remaining republics. Four others declared independence last year.

Mr Bulatovic, 36, was once an ally of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, but he has recently expressed reservations about Serbian policies. About 10 per cent of Montenegro's 600,000 people consider themselves Serbs and, it is generally believed, any attempt to break from Serbia would lead to another civil war. *(AP)*

Russian post

Moscow: Viktor Chernomyrdin, the new Russian prime minister, has appointed Vladimir Kvasov, a long-time associate from the Gazprom state gas monopoly, to the influential post of government chief of staff, which involves running the government bureaucracy. *(Reuter)*

Honecker move

Berlin: An appeal to free Erich Honecker may be decided today, a judge said, as the manslaughter trial of the former East German leader's colleagues went ahead without him. Herr Honecker, 80, is suffering from cancer. *(AP)*

Paris snubbed

Paris: China has delayed a visit to France by an industrial delegation. The move is interpreted as a further sign of Peking's displeasure over the sale of French Mirage aircraft to Taiwan. They were to have finalised 18 projects. *(AFP)*

Ship explodes

Oslo: A coastal freighter loaded with 500 tons of dynamite and fertilizer exploded about 100 yards off Stjernoy, a southern Norwegian island, after the ship ran aground, police said. There were no reports of injuries. *(AP)*

Drugs beached

Lisbon: Heavy seas washed an underwater cache of hashish on to a beach in southern Portugal, thwarting smugglers who had attached it to offshore buoys. So far the police, working with dogs and divers, have recovered 2,640lb of the drug. *(Reuter)*

Arson attack

Ajaccio: A fire started by arsonists has destroyed the summer home of Maurice Wilkins, 76, the British molecular biologist and Nobel prize laureate, at Levie in southern Corsica. *(AFP)*

Islamic states weigh military alternative to accord at Geneva

■ **Cold and hunger are killing Bosnian Muslims. Humanitarian and military pressures are building on the peacebrokers to end the misery**

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT, AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

ISLAMIC states yesterday put those trying to negotiate peace in Bosnia through the Geneva talks under heavy pressure, emphasising that they would support "vigorous military action" if a settlement was not reached.

The threat came in Dakar, Senegal, at an inaugural session of a meeting of the Islamic Conference Organisation. By Friday the organisation will decide whether to ship arms to the Bosnian Muslims. President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, speaking in Dakar, criticised the Geneva peace talks, saying they were "being used by aggressors only as a cover for continued aggression against Muslims and other citizens". President Diouf of Senegal, chairing the Islamic conference, said there should be "vigorous military action to ensure that United Nations security council resolutions are respected".

As the peace talks reconvened in Geneva, Serbs in the hills surrounding the Bosnian capital unleashed the heaviest artillery and mortar attack in more than a month. Last night the Bosnian government demanded the resignation of the two senior United Nations generals in Sarajevo, General Philippe Morillon and General Ali Abdul-Razek, for their failure to prevent the assassination of Hakija Turajlic, a Bosnian deputy prime minister, on Friday. The government alleged that General Abdul-Razek, an Egyptian, had been in a position to send reinforcements to relieve the beleaguered French UN unit and failed to do so.

Also in Sarajevo, Jose-Maria Mendiluce, the head of United Nations relief operation for former Yugoslavia, said he was pursuing the possibility of air-dropping food and medicine to the remaining Muslim areas in eastern Bosnia, besieged by rebel Serb forces.

The shelling in Sarajevo caught many people off-guard. There was little panic but most people swiftly finished what they were doing, or quickened their pace as they walked along the icy streets. At the UN headquarters in the city, Sarajevans crowded into the sandbagged entrance.

The shells appeared to strike most parts of the city without any clear purpose. There was little small arms fire, which would have signaled an offensive by one of the two sides. It was impossible to determine whether the Serbs fired the first rounds, but it was clear they were responsible for the vast majority of detonations. Sarajevo's three main hospitals received 19 civilians of the shelling during the morning.

Elsewhere in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Muslims were reported to be dying of cold and hunger. Mr Mendiluce said he was concerned about reports from three besieged Muslim areas in eastern Bosnia. He said he had aasked the UN Protection Force in Bosnia to consider air-dropping food and medicine for the estimated 100,000 civilians in these areas.

The arrival of Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, at the Geneva talks raised hopes yesterday that he would soften Serbian resistance to a peace settlement. The transformation of Mr Milosevic — denounced recently by the US State Department as a suspected war criminal — into a man who can bring peace to Bosnia is a measure of the desperation of the UN negotiators. Many days of talks have not brought the Serbs and the Muslims any closer. Only the Croats accept the plan, which retains the Bosnian state in its old frontiers while partitioning it into ten provinces.

Paris: The French government yesterday softened the weekend pledge of Roland Dumas, its foreign minister, to liberate Serbian prison camps, and said Bernard Kouchner, the humanitarian affairs minister, would be sent to Bosnia to study ways of freeing "a certain number of women" from the camps. France's allies and Pierre Joxe, the defence minister had been taken aback by the declaration.

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Raising standards: members of the Bosnian special military forces, with the Croatian and Bosnian flags, striding back to their camp on Mount Igman after a training session in the snow near Sarajevo yesterday

UN chief urges Germany to contribute troops for peacekeeping operations

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BERLIN

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, urged Germany yesterday to play a greater role in the United Nations, insisting that he would like to see German troops take part in peacekeeping and peace enforcement.

While thanking Bonn for its support for the UN in humanitarian operations, he said full German participation in all UN programmes would be important for the future of the UN, the world and of Germany. Without it, the organisation's goals could not be enforced.

His remarks, on the first day of a three-day visit to Bonn, were echoed by Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, who said Germany had to fulfil its duties as laid down by the UN charter. Those specifically included taking part in measures to restore world peace. The government called on the opposition Social Democrats yesterday to allow the use of German troops abroad and to reach agreement in talks with the coalition over constitutional changes.

Dr Boutros Ghali's outspoken call has made an end to party wrangling imperative. Bonn has promised 1,500 troops for Somalia; Herr Kohl has no intention of being forced to withdraw the offer by the SPD opposition, which the party says will continue until the constitutional issue is clarified.

Dr Boutros Ghali held talks with Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, and then, after a reception, spent two hours in discussions with Herr Kohl. He said he was aware of the limitations on Germany's involvement, but called for the necessary political will for Germany to play a role in the UN. The world expected this. The country had been preoccupied with reunification. "Now turn your attention again to international problems," he said.

Volker Rühe, the defence minister, who has campaigned vigorously for an end to Germany's self-imposed renunciation of military engagement outside the Nato area, called for agreement with the SPD by the end of the week. The opposition, embarrassed by the dispute, said yesterday that the differences were exaggerated. At the heart of the dispute is a difference over the interpretation of Article 24 of the constitution which says that the federal republic can take part in a system of mutual collective security to preserve peace; it is able to exercise its rights to contribute to and secure a peaceful and lasting order in Europe and among the peoples of the world.



Boutros Ghali: request adds to Bonn dispute

The Christian Democrats (CDU) say that that does not exclude Germany from taking part in any peacekeeping organisation, including not only Nato but also the UN and its regional bodies, such as the Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

The SPD insists that precedent now limits German military involvement to Nato. It is willing to allow German troops to be used for "Blue Helmet" operations, but must first have clarification from the constitutional court, a position also largely supported by the Free Democrats (FDP). However, Herr Kohl says that no constitutional change is needed and he does not want any that might limit the role of German troops simply to keeping peace rather than helping Germany's allies to enforce it.

☐ **Kohl warning:** Herr Kohl has warned his Christian Democrats that the coalition government is under growing pressure to split apart, party officials said yesterday.

He told a meeting of parliamentarians from the CDU and allied Christian Social Union (CSU) that their coalition with the liberal Free Democrats (FDP) was going through hard times, officials said. "Everything is coming together at the moment to undermine the coalition with the FDP," the chancellor was quoted as saying.

Herr Kohl spoke to his party's parliamentarians only hours after releasing an angry letter to FDP leaders reprimanding Guenter Rexrodt, the likely new economics minister, for suggesting that the chancellor had no choice but to accept him for the post. Herr Rexrodt was referring to the resignation last week of Jürgen Möllemann. Herr Kohl, in a sharply worded letter, rejected Herr Rexrodt's remark that he should "note and approve" the FDP's decision to nominate him.

EC roots for plant passport

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

POTATOES, shrubs and other plants would have their own EC passports under a scheme devised by Brussels. The traditional health certificate used when a plant is sent from one country to another should be replaced by a "plant passport ... to ensure its free movement throughout the Community", according to a European Commission proposal which was published yesterday.

The continuation of border checks on people has marred the long-awaited single market, introduced on January 1, and plant and veterinary controls are another area where progress has been slow.

The passport could take the form of an adhesive label which would identify the plant by its Latin name and contain information, such as country of origin. Seed potatoes would need additional information on the passport to prove that they complied.

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Tamil refugee scandal sours start of Danish EC presidency

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

A LONG-running political scandal in Denmark over the illegal exclusion of Tamil refugees' families is threatening the government when it desperately needs domestic stability at the start of its six-month presidency of the European Community.

The findings of a judicial enquiry into the treatment of Tamil refugees is due on Thursday and commentators predict that its contents could topple Poul Schluter, the Conservative prime minister, after ten years in office.

The affair started in 1987, when the justice ministry, in a breach of Danish law, stopped allowing relatives of refugees from Sri Lanka joining their families already living in Denmark. This policy was later reversed by a new justice minister and Mr Schluter ordered an enquiry.

The question being asked is whether Mr Schluter deliberately misled parliament in April 1989 when he promised that "nothing has been swept under the carpet". Mr Schluter, 63, has since insisted that he did not know all the facts at the time, but at hearings last year senior government officials maintained that they had briefed the prime minister in detail. There appeared in some cases to be discrepancies between the versions of officials and and those of Mr Schluter and ministers.

The 6,000-page enquiry report by Mogens Hornslet, a supreme court judge, is being printed overseas under strict security. Some analysts say it could lead to impeachment charges against Erik Ninn-Hansen, the Conservative justice minister in 1987. Most observers believe that if Mr Schluter is exonerated, or found to be only marginally implicated in a cover-up, he will survive.

But if he comes under heavy criticism, a snap election might be called. That would give the opposition Social Democrats a chance to return to power under Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, their new leader. Tactical skills have helped Mr Schluter survive at the helm of five minority centre-right administrations in the past decade. The coalition controls 59 of the 179-seat Parliament and can rely on 32 votes from smaller non-socialist parties on most issues. If the report is critical, the two non-socialist parties — the Centre-Democrats and the Radicals — may opt for a Social Democratic-led government. The socialist opposition holds 84 seats in parliament.

While the calling of premature elections would embarrass the two-year-old Conservative-Liberal government during its EC presidency, commentators doubt whether any change of administration would affect the outcome of Denmark's second referendum on the Maastricht treaty on closer European political union, due to be held in April or May.

Opinion polls indicate that Danes will vote strongly in favour. Seven of the eight parliamentary parties support Denmark's opt-out deal, exempting it from joint currency, defence, citizenship and police co-operation, secured at the Edinburgh summit last month, including the government and the Social Democrats.

Uncertainty over the Tamil report and fears of an early election are, however, rubbing off on Danish credit and stock markets, causing nervousness in trading of the krone.

Denmark underwent inconvenient changes of government during two of its previous five EC presidencies — in 1982, when Mr Schluter came to power, and in 1987 when elections were held on the running of the economy during a period of serious labour unrest.

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Security council struggles to bring Saddam to heel

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE security council was striving yesterday to find an effective response to Baghdad's latest defiance of the United Nations, as Iraqi personnel crossed into Kuwait for a second consecutive day.

Yoshio Hatano, the Japanese ambassador at the UN and the council president, lodged a formal protest with Nizar Hamdoun, his Iraqi counterpart, over Baghdad's incursions into Kuwait and its decision to bar UN flights from its airspace. But Mr Hamdoun said afterwards: "There was no threat."

The 15-nation council was expected to issue a statement later in the day condemning Iraq's seizure on Sunday of four Silkworm surface-to-surface missiles and other armaments from the Kuwaiti side of the newly demarcated border, and demanding their return. Western diplomats conceded, however, that following so soon after Friday's council statement, warning of "serious consequences" if Iraq did not lift its ban on UN flights, the declaration was unlikely to have much effect.

"What would be an appropriate response?" asked one Western official. "All the sanctions are already in place, with the exception of military action, and a military strike would appear to be inappropriate." Mr Hamdoun made a claim that the Iraqi incursions were permitted by an agreement with the UN allowing Baghdad to remove property left on the Kuwaiti side of the newly drawn border before Friday. "Iraq has been co-operative with the UN Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (Unikom) for some time now on a plan to evacuate Iraqi property from the demilitarised zone," he said. "The chief of Unikom approved that agreement on December 29, that Iraq finish this job by a deadline of January 15. We were co-operating with the UN," he said. "There was probably some misunderstanding on their part."

Western diplomats, however, said the agreement with Iraq required Baghdad to notify UN peacekeepers before removing anything from the Kuwaiti side of the border and did not permit President Saddam Hussein to recover Silkworm missiles left in Kuwait after the Gulf war. They were to have been destroyed by the UN this Saturday.

In Bonn, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, called for a stern response, saying "we cannot admit this kind of violation and this kind of threat to a member state of the United Nations". Iraq sent a letter to the security council describing its decision to bar UN aircraft from carrying weapons inspectors into the country as "a temporary decision dictated by the United States' threats to Iraq".

The letter added: "Any foreign flights in Iraqi airspace will be surrounded by danger in the present circumstances". It said that Iraq, which will ultimately foot the bill for UN weapons inspections, should not have to pay to lease foreign aircraft while Iraqi planes remain unused because of UN sanctions.

Iraq's provocative forays into Kuwait highlighted the weakness of the tiny UN force which has been attempting to monitor the bitterly contested border. Originally numbering 1,440 men, the force has now dwindled to around 500, of which half are unarmed observers. Only a handful of its members carry weapons and they are security guards whose job is to defend the monitors. Most of their shooting has been directed against stray dogs.

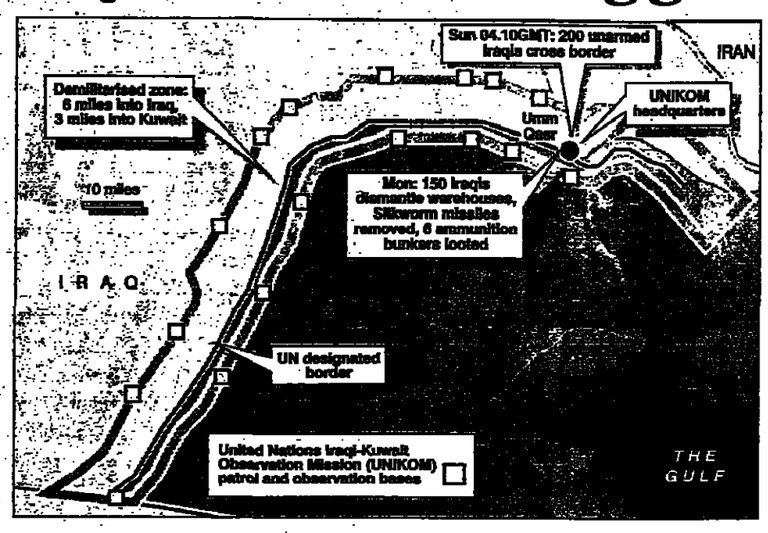
For its first few months, the force was regarded as something of a success. It was then trumpeted as the first time in history that any UN force had included men from all five permanent members of the security council — Britain, France, China, the United States, and the Soviet Union.

Since Iraqi-fuelled tension began to escalate last summer in anticipation of the demarcation of the new border, the force — now commanded by Major General Timothy Dibuama, a Ghanaian — has found itself less and less capable of handling the mounting violence. This is often provoked by Iraqi farmers armed with Kalashnikovs whose activities are believed to be directed by Iraqi intelligence.

On Sunday, the hapless Unikom personnel tried in vain to stop the Iraqi raiders by blocking their heavy vehicles with trucks. Abdel Latif Kabbaj, the force's North African spokesman, said: "The leader of the Iraqi group was told that they were on Kuwaiti territory and were advised to return immediately to Iraq, but the Iraqis proceeded to break into bunkers and remove the weapons."

He later admitted that Iraqis had been in the demilitarised zone illegally for a week without the UN taking any effective action to remove them. "Five hundred Iraqi civilians committed a violation by being present in the demilitarised zone since January 2 without authorisation by Unikom," he said.

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IRAQI PROVOCATIONS

KEY Baghdad provocations since the Gulf war have been:
☐ Refusal to co-operate with UN commission charged with redrawing Iraqi-Kuwaiti border or accept findings;
☐ Objecting to terms for UN-supervised sale of Iraqi oil to pay for humanitarian supplies;
☐ Stalling on renewing agreement covering UN guards and humanitarian groups in Iraq;
☐ Using fixed-wing aircraft against Shia Muslims in southern Iraq, leading to imposition of no-fly zone;
☐ Using Iraqi agents to attack UN personnel and others assisting Kurds;
☐ Refusing permission for UN weapons inspectors to enter agriculture ministry in Baghdad;
☐ Reiteration of claim that Kuwait is 19th Iraqi province;
☐ Rejecting as "aggressive" the southern no-fly zone;
☐ MiG flight across zone; shot down. More incursions;
☐ Missiles moved into the southern zone;
☐ Iraqis urged to prepare for "holy war" against West.

Army sent to pacify Bombay as gangs cash in on bigotry

■ Violence has brought Bombay to a virtual standstill. With foreign investment in retreat, economic reforms may be blighted

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

LARGE contingents of troops and paramilitary forces took up positions in Bombay yesterday as the death toll from six days of rioting reached 167. In several Muslim areas 24-hour curfews were imposed to try to regain control. The fire service was unable to cope with scores of arson attacks.

The violence has been the worst in India's commercial capital since independence in 1947, giving the city a taste of the politics of religion that makes the northern Hindi-speaking heartland so explosive. Rival crime gangs have been using the confusion to settle longstanding battles over territory. Thousands of Muslims were attempting to leave the city by train.

The city looked deserted yesterday as the army moved in. The stock exchange, banks, schools, colleges and most businesses were closed. Suburban commuter train services were virtually halted. Mobs attacked dozens of districts in and around the city, often with impunity because police and security forces were overwhelmed with calls for help.

Armed Muslim gangs, which run the city's powerful underworld, were taking advantage of the smokescreen of sectarian conflict to loot and settle scores. Many have AK47 rifles supplied by Bombay's gold-smuggling mafia, which operates out of Gulf countries and supplies many of the city's jewellery shops with cheap gold.



Hindu gangs armed with knives and home-made pistols were retaliating with random attacks on Muslims. Clouds of smoke rising high above the city testified to the continuing arson that has gutted several buildings in the heart of Bombay's commercial district.

The attacks have been striking at the heart of the country's economy. Apart from the long-term psychological impact, the immediate effects of continuing strife have been severe. Many foreign tourists have cancelled holidays, denying India much-needed hard currency. Potential foreign investors have told government ministers that they feel safer investing in Vietnam or Korea. The much-vaunted economic reforms launched almost two years ago are threatening to stall. The government has been hardly functioning, with most ministers either preoccupied with the violence or spending their time in home constituencies. The senior bureaucracy, too, is preoccupied by the upheaval when it would normally be preparing the annual budget, regarded as a crucial pointer to India's new economic direction. Potential investors have been waiting for the budget before deciding on investment plans; the political uncertainty, however, is making the budget contents almost irrelevant as the investors look elsewhere.

The sectarian dimension of the gang wars in Bombay was being fanned by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the state's main opposition party, and the Bombay-based Shiv Sena. Both extremist Hindu organisations have been exploiting the political fallout from the destruction of the mosque at Ayodhya by Hindu zealots on December 6.

By polarising Hindus and Muslims, the BJP hopes to establish a firm base in Bombay for the first time. Of the city's 11 million people about 10 per cent are Muslim. The BJP is an almost exclusively northern-based party, traditionally supported by the higher caste Hindi-speaking trading classes, and has been seeking to expand its appeal to make a serious bid for national power at the next general election.

The authorities in the state of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is capital, have been slow to react to the violence, partly because of high-level personality conflicts that have practically paralysed decision-making. Sharad Pawar, the federal defence minister, has had a longstanding feud with Sudhakar Naik, the state's chief minister, and neither can mobilise the army without approval from the other.

As Bombay reeled, Mr Naik went to ground, telling journalists from his home: "I have nothing to say." It was Mr Pawar who announced that 42 army columns were being deployed. Parliamentary and state assembly by-elections due to be held in Maharashtra next month have been postponed because of fears that political campaigning would incite further violence.

Muslim journalists in Bombay have come under attack, apparently in a concerted campaign by Hindu extremists. Two correspondents have had their homes burned and the offices of *Inquilab*, the Urdu-language Muslim newspaper, besieged.

Dharavi, the biggest slum in Asia, which sprawls across the heart of Bombay, has been under repeated curfews in recent days to prevent rioting. It is normally a model of communal peace, with thousands of poor Muslims living alongside equally poor Hindus. The curfew has imposed particular hardship on Dharavi's destitute, who cannot afford to stockpile food.

Ahmedabad, the capital of Gujarat state, in western India, was under siege from rival mobs, with most of the violence apparently orchestrated by the BJP. The party hopes to topple the ruling Congress (I) party, which is weak and divided. Flags and coloured lights were erected in BJP strongholds after the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque.

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Road to destruction: paramilitary police in Bombay taking shelter from firebombs and stones thrown by a Hindu mob during clashes with Muslims

UN envoy fails to win deportee deal

BY RICHARD BEESTON

A SENIOR United Nations envoy, sent to the Middle East to try to resolve the impasse over the deportation by Israel of more than 400 Palestinians, will today become the second emissary in two weeks to leave Jerusalem empty-handed. Chinmaya Gharekhan will report to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, that the plight of the 413 deportees stranded in southern Lebanon shows no sign of ending.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, who met the envoy for two hours on Sunday, has shown signs of softening his tough position on some aspects of the humanitarian problems faced by the exiled Palestinians in their exposed mountain encampment at Marj az-Zahour. But the government remains unyielding in its refusal to allow the return of the men, accused by Israel of belonging to Hamas, the outlawed Islamic Resistance Movement.

Arab League foreign ministers, meeting in Cairo yesterday to co-ordinate a joint position, were expected to call on the UN Security Council to follow up its resolution 799, which demands that Israel take back the banished Palestinians, with a new document applying sanctions against the Jewish state. For its part, Israel hopes that Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, who is to meet Dr Boutros Ghali in Paris tomorrow, will be able to avert a new confrontation with the United Nations.

Israeli and Arab officials agree, however, that the course of the current dispute is likely to be determined in Washington, which in the past has used its security council veto to protect Israel, but which could, in the final days of the Bush administration, come out in favour of the Arabs.

"Any delay by the security council in dealing with the deportees' problem will negatively affect the peace process," said Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, during a visit to the United Arab Emirates. "The Israeli deportation of the Palestinians is a direct blow to the peace process," he added.

☐ **Palestinian killed:** Israeli soldiers shot dead a wanted Palestinian activist in the occupied West Bank village of el-Yamoun yesterday, an army spokesman said in Jerusalem. "A wanted man, Iyad Muhammad Abdel Karim Samara, 22, of el-Yamoun, was killed today during army and border police action in the village," the spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Supreme court accused of Demjanjuk appeal delay

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI authorities are coming under mounting pressure to decide the fate of John Demjanjuk, the retired American car worker who is appealing against a death sentence for being "Ivan the Terrible", the Treblinka death camp guard.

More than seven months after a five-judge panel of the Israeli supreme court retired to consider the case, Demjanjuk, his family and a growing number of Ukrainian sympathisers are convinced that the appeal process is being deliberately delayed.

Yoram Sheftel, his defence lawyer, said: "It took the district court exactly two months to send Demjanjuk to the gallows, but we have been waiting more than seven months for the appeal. It is a scandal." Mr Sheftel said he has written twice to Meir Shamgar, the president of the supreme court, to protest over the delay. After a meeting with his client in prison last week, Mr Sheftel said that Demjanjuk, 72, was very depressed and increasingly convinced that the Israeli authorities would never let him out of jail.

A spokeswoman for the Israeli justice ministry said that the judges could take as long as they wanted to review the thousands of pages of documents and testimony presented to the court, and refused to be pressured into an early decision. The supreme court retired in early June to consider the appeal, based on the claim that Demjanjuk was the victim of mistaken identity when he was convicted in 1988 of being the gas chamber operator at Treblinka in Poland who murdered 850,000 Jews.



Demjanjuk: backed by Ukrainian nationalists

Although five survivors from the extermination camp positively identified Demjanjuk, his appeal, based on 79 newly released KGB documents presented to the court 18 months ago, suggested that another Ukrainian, identified by former camp guards as Ivan Marchenko, was the real "Ivan the Terrible".

Demjanjuk's fate is likely to be raised in Israel this week during the three-day official visit to Jerusalem by President Kravchuk of Ukraine, who was urged by Ukrainian nationalists at a demonstration that was held earlier this month in Kiev to "stand up and defend your countryman".

Dmytro Pavlychko, a parliamentarian who is part of the visiting Ukrainian delegation, said: "It is already clear that Demjanjuk is a man especially trotted out by the KGB to discredit Ukrainians in world public opinion as collaborators. The president knows about the issue but it is impossible for Ukraine to make any official intervention. His visit should in itself influence the legal process, which must be completed."

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Turning on to Europe

Is Euro news a bore by definition? A new TV channel believes not

If you have seen them in the movies, you know that television news studios are a madhouse in which adrenalin-junkies squabble and scream to meet remorseless deadlines. Imagine, then, a 20-hours-a-day news programme with a multi-national staff pumping out a service in five languages at the same time.

What sounds like a plot for *Monty Python* can be found operating with surprising calm on a wooded hillside outside the city of Lyons, the headquarters of Euronews, an all-news television channel which could become the Old World's answer to the American Cable News Network (CNN).

Launched in embryo on January 1, along with the single market, Euronews is, depending on how you view it, either a bold breakthrough into the television future or another idealistic attempt to foist a Euro-spirit on an indifferent public. The founding idea is certainly a noble one, even if it was first floated by François Mitterrand in what looked like another French attempt to break the monopoly of the Anglo-Saxons on the world news business. Financed at the outset by members of the European Broadcasting Union and Community subsidy, Euronews draws on the best of the video of Europe's public television news teams, including the BBC, as well as two international TV agencies. It produces a service with a European slant in English, Spanish, French, German and Italian. With advertising, the channel aims to start making a profit in its fifth year.

> 'American TV has all those people sitting around joking about death'

Massimo Fichera, the Italian managing director of Euronews, says that the channel, which is already available to 33 million households through broadcast and cable, offers Europeans their first chance to watch an international news service that is not just in English. "The idea is to give news that has all the rigour and the independence of the Anglo-Saxons but also has that little fantasy, that flexibility in approach that the Latins have," he says. "That's why we've chosen young journalists."

The big difference from other "single-country" news broadcasters, such as Sky News, CNN, and the BBC World Service is that there are no visible presenters. This allows five sound-channels to be broadcast on the Eutel satellite with the same same picture.

Peter Vickers, a 37-year-old Briton who rotates with four other editors, says: "The editor chooses the angle, so everyone sings the same song. Every story has to be written five times. It's like a ski-team. You have to make sure that the person who is slowest doesn't get left behind." Dealing with five languages and cultures means steering a delicate line down the middle of sensitive areas, such as the naming of Macedonia, but there has been no serious friction.

Incidents have mainly been good-natured, such as the time the Italian journalist refused to call Britain the "United Kingdom" because the marital troubles of the royal family meant it was hardly "united".

Things could get more dicey if Euronews starts an Arab language service, as it hopes to do later this year. Politics also dominates the plan to launch an Eastern European language track. Russian would be an obvious choice, since the station reaches Moscow and many East Europeans understand the language. But is also the last language a Pole or a Czech wants to hear.

Is there such a thing as a "European" slant on the world? "It's not so hard to find the angle. It's world news with a European perspective and a lead story is a lead story," Mr Vickers says.

Sampling Euronews this week, the menu of stories was pretty straightforward, with only the occasional quirks, such as the fanfare given to the decision to privatise the Liechtenstein central bank. Despite some clever computerised graphics with a blue and gold logo, it looks thin stuff alongside the barrage of CNN or the slick production of big European networks.

Unlike viewers in France, Germany and the southern European countries, which are feeding Euronews on cable or direct broadcast, all but the handful of cabled Britons for the moment have to use a 90-centimetre dish to pick up the transmission from the Eutelsat II, a larger device than the one that receives Sky and other channels from the Astra satellite.

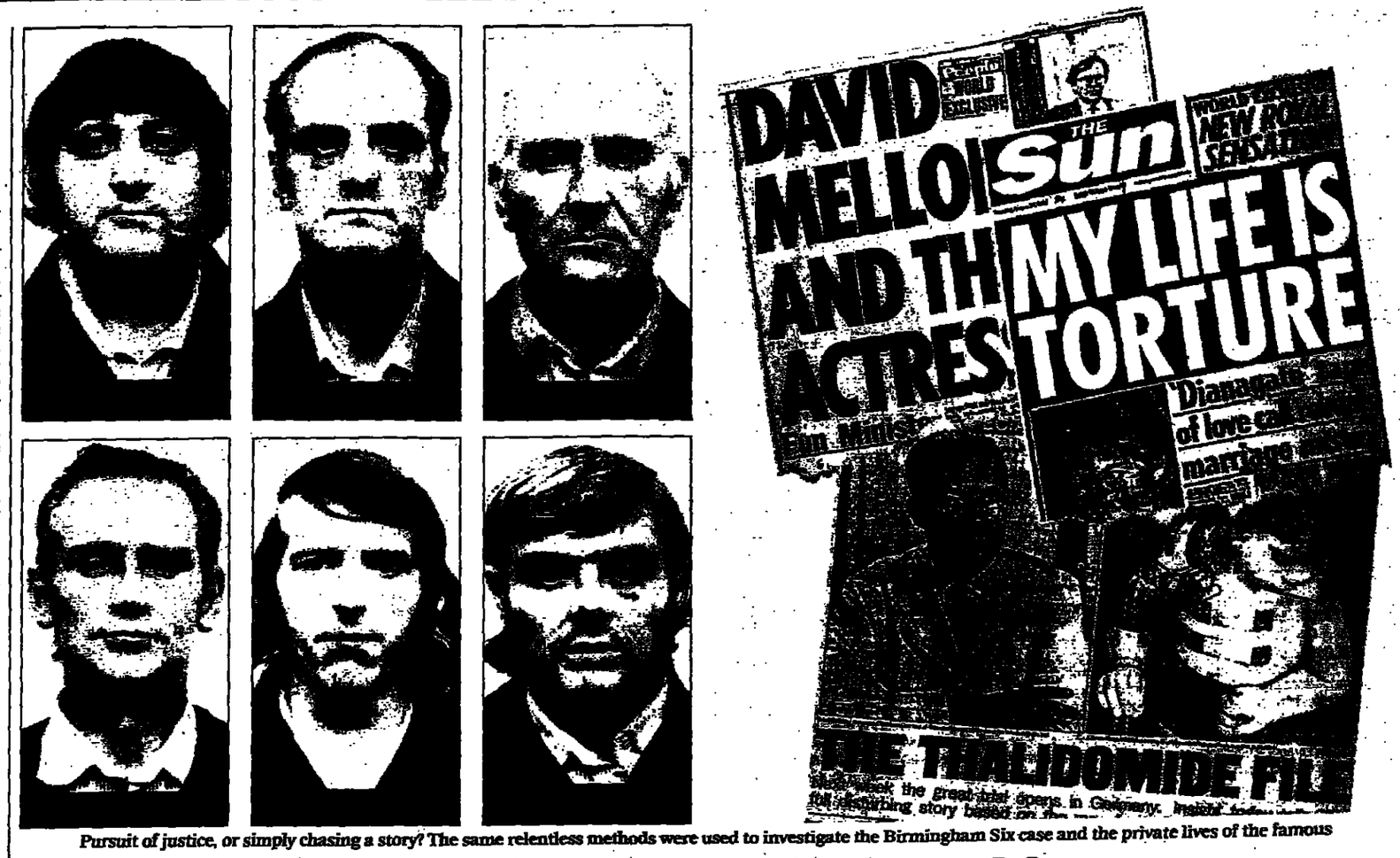
Signor Fichera believes his faceless format is superior to CNN, although he admires the Atlanta-based network for its pace. The trouble with CNN is not just the English language, he says, but that it presents an American perspective on the world. "They have all those people sitting around the table smiling at each other and telling jokes and then giving terrible information about death. Information is a serious thing," he says, going against the fashion in his business.

So who will tune in to Euronews ? Two categories, according to the market surveys carried out before the launch. Businessmen will dip into the half-hourly bulletins for an update on the top stories and relatively educated people will want to satisfy curiosity on such things as the latest books and films across Europe.

The absence of the BBC, which will contribute but not be a full member, and the Ard/ZDF German public networks from the ownership of Euronews, will mean a weighting towards the southern European countries. The Germans declined to join for legal reasons and the BBC's refusal, Signor Fichera says, is a "political problem". It reflects Britain's reluctance to join fully in Europe and the BBC's own orientation towards the audience outside Europe to which it aims its World Service, he says. "From the practical and financial point of view we can survive without them," he says. "However, politically it is difficult for me to be the manager of a European body without the Germans and English."

Plenty of scoffers are dismissing the channel as a high-minded scheme that will produce a colourless Eurotelly, but Euronews is also generating some nervousness in the industry. After all, everyone in the TV news business dismissed CNN as a joke for its first few years, calling it the Chicken Noodle Network.

CHARLES BREMNER



Pursuit of justice, or simply chasing a story? The same relentless methods were used to investigate the Birmingham Six case and the private lives of the famous

The case for the offence

Historic press exposures of crime and corruption could never have succeeded under Calcutt's restrictions, says **Christopher Elliott**

One of the best descriptions of a governing function of the press was given by the Victorian journalist and editor W.T. Stead, who talked of the "argus-eyed power of inspection". At its best, this is what investigative journalism should be.

By definition, investigative journalism is intrusive and the public has become resentful of press intrusion into privacy. Opinion polls show that the popularity of the press is at an all-time low. But the most criticism has been provoked by some of the tools of the investigative reporter — trespass, bugging devices and the taking of photographs of people without their knowledge while on their own property. Such methods have sometimes been crucial to successful newspaper investigations which have been in the public interest.

One of the most celebrated occasions in which journalists used bugging techniques led to a trial at the Central Criminal Court of police officers on charges of corruption. The journalists "wired" a small-time south London crook who elicited damaging statements from the officers in the back of a car. These led to their conviction. That was 23 years ago; the journalists worked for *The Times* and the case brought about a sea change in public attitudes to the police.

Colin Webb was the paper's home news editor who gave the go-ahead for the bugging operation. He does not believe the investigation it would have gone ahead if the Calcutt proposals had been in place.

"What *The Times* got was not just a story or a scoop, but something which changed the whole way Scotland Yard operated."

That the taping of conversations involving the royal family — as well as a conversation between David Mellor and Antonia de Sancha — has been a factor in the government's will to back the proposals contained in Sir David Calcutt's leaked report on press conduct is significant. Technically, it is already illegal to listen to and tape a telephone conversation without the knowledge and permission of the two people having it — and therefore no more legislation should be needed.

The Mellor conversations were not even taped using a scanner which intercepts the signals between two telephones. The simple expedient of running an extension lead from the back of the telephone to a miniature cassette recorder in the garden was employed.

This is the style of newspaper reporting with which the public appears to have the least sympathy. If the Calcutt proposals lead to legislation which bans the sale of such gadgets what effect would it have on investigative journalist?

At its most fundamental level, investigative journalism utilises the basic skills of journalism but with more of the same: resolute application and grinding attention to detail. When the *Sunday Times* investigated the DC10 air crash in 1974 in which 346 people died, its investigation took two years. At one time it removed and copied (and returned) 50,000 documents from a Los Angeles courtroom. One of the journalists involved, Patrick Forman, was both a pilot and a solicitor. Other *Sunday Times* stories, such as its Thalidomide coverage, have been as much campaigning journalism as investigative. The work of *World in Action* on the case of the Birmingham Six was a major factor in their successful appeal.

In nearly all the best stories there is a huge gap between the intelligence, often anecdotal, a journalist has and the evidence to go to press. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the Watergate journalists, had the advantage of access to their notorious Deep Throat informant. But Deep Throat's privileged information was not sufficient to crack the story. He did, however, provide the inducement to persist in the meticulous interviewing and re-interviewing which unveiled the cover-up.

> *'The Times* scoop changed the whole way Scotland Yard operated'

Even journalists of the utmost integrity would be tempted to don a disguise on the scent of such a story as Watergate. Impersonations are not uncommon. Many journalists have been rapped over the knuckles for not discouraging the impression that they are police officers.

However, there are still few journalists who would sink so low as to invade a hospital ward to snatch a photograph of Gorden Kaye, the star of the BBC series *'Allo, 'Allo*, as he recovered from a serious head injury (as did a journalist working for *Sunday Sport*) or to demand the medical notes of Russell Harty while he lay dying from Hepatitis B as, allegedly, did some tabloids.

But if a journalist visits the home of someone strongly suspected of being involved in a criminal act and spots an open dustbin by the door with the remains of letters thrown inside, he is likely to regard it as a lucky break.

Such acts may have once been forgotten and forgiven, an acceptable consequence of a healthy and vigorous press pushing at the margins to uncover wrongdoing. But some politicians have found themeselves the victim of unscrupulous reporting techniques because of their controversial views. It was once one of Tony Benn's favourite jokes that he hadn't needed his dustbins emptied in years — his rubbish simply disappeared into the boot of saloon cars at midnight.

When all other methods fail, there is always cash. Chequebook journalism is not new. But its adoption as a legitimate method of gaining information has grown even among the broadsheet press— for the tabloids it is the major source of exclusive news stories.

The *News of the World* had a scoop when it revealed nearly four years ago that Pamela Bordes, then known as Pamella, was both a Commons researcher and a high-class call girl. It was a classic sex scandal exposed by time-honoured methods by a reporter who posed as a client and made his excuses and left.

Interest grew as it became clear that she had intimate knowledge of arms dealers and politicians, both in the United Kingdom and in the Middle East.

The ensuing battle to "buy her up" was carried out with great vigour and eventually won by the *Daily Mail*. At one time they had nine or ten reporters working on the story. Ms Bordes was debriefed at a discrete hotel by shifts or reporters who then took her information and began to double check it. An edited version appeared in the *Mail* over several days.

It was an interesting fusion of the technique of the tabloid "buy up" and the ferociously detailed checking common to all major investigative journalism. The scandal was a mixture of prurience and public interest. Alongside the lurid details of her sex life, publication provided an insight into the ease in which people could obtain Commons security passes.

Today, much information about the UK which is kept secret in Britain can be discovered in America because of its Freedom of Information Act. In this country the Thirty Year Rule and the Official Secrets Act suppress information in the interests of the state.

Whatever laws against privacy may be enacted in Britain there will always be ways to find a way round them. Two tabloid journalists recently planned to interview a suspected member of a paedophile ring widely believed to have been responsible for the murder of a number of children.

Before they left the office the newspaper's lawyer warned them to "for God's sake make sure he *invites* you in and tape the interview". When they arrived at the house the door opened a crack and the largest reporter put his shoulder to it and heaved as he spoke into a tape recorder in his top pocket: "Thanks for inviting us in Mr ..." The paedophile was jailed for ten years.

Stretched cars named desire

Who's lurking behind the smoked windows of the super-long limo, and what are they up to? Let's ask the driver

Baz Levick, the limousine dealer played by Kevin McNally in ITV's new drama *Full Stretch* (tonight at 9pm), sums up the appeal of the stretch Cadillac thus: "See one of these cars? People crane their necks — they think Madonna's going to get out."

For a symbol which represents stardom, glamorous inaccessibility and serious money all at once, the stretch limo is hard to beat. Invented in America in the mid-1980s, the "stretch" is any large saloon which has been sliced in half, sandwiched around anything from 36 to 128 inches of extra body, and then stuck back together again. The term "a cut and shut car" is only used by the trade; the rest of us prefer the expensive and stress-free sound of "stretch" to describe the ultimate in superstar transportation.

Except that it is not usually the superstar who commands the services of the stretch limo. "It's normally someone from the middle classes who has a few pennies to spare and who wants to impress," says Les Barnes, whose white 25ft Cadillac is the four-wheeled star of *Full Stretch*.

Mr Barnes, the director of Limco, the car rental company, has five stretches at his disposal, and says he gets a substantial amount of his trade from parties wanting to hire one of his cars for a special night out in London's West End. "The car always causes a fuss," he says. "People come up and ask who you've got in the back. I say that on no account can we say who is inside. Even if the person in the back is no one special. Joe Public, he loves that kind of touch."

Clearly, an exaggerated sense of theatricality is needed. The stretch is not something you just pull up in and leap out of. "If I'm doing a Heathrow run", Mr Barnes says, "I always pull up out front, and tell the client to sit and wait for a few moments while I get the luggage out and open the door. Within seconds, there's a crowd, porters wanting to help with the baggage. The only thing is the customer has to keep a straight face when they get out."

"The limousine has much more of a sense of occasion," says Dick Clement, co-writer, with Ian La Frenais, of *Full Stretch*. "The other good thing is that you can develop a relationship between the driver and their client. Take an ordinary black cab. How long is your average journey? Ten minutes, tops. With a limo, you might be using it all day. The stories involving limos are also much more varied: amazing things happen, both funny and sinister."

"The sky's the limit for what people get up to," Mr Barnes says. "Hen nights, for example. Eight girls get into one limo and before you know it they're mooning out of the back window and standing up out of the sunroof without anything on above their waist.

"I once had a party who did this down a motorway; this girl was trying to get passing van drivers to touch her boobs. Two of them managed to get into the front, without a stitch on. I ended the night covered with love bites and lipstick."

Limo chauffeurs are protected from marauding passengers only by a discreetly tinted window which can be raised by either party, front or back. "You can't hear anything through that, except muffled screams," Mr Barnes says wearily. "For Valentine's Day I hire out the cars for £90 an hour, with a bottle of champagne thrown in. The only rule we insist on is no stiletto heels, because they ruin the lining of the roof."

The white Cadillac used in *Full Stretch* is a glory to behold: equipped with fridge, bar, television, video and telephone, it even has optional seat-extensions enabling beds to be installed in the white, leather-lined, red-carpeted cabin. The only thing missing is the CD player. "We had to remove it," Mr Barnes says. "Some of our clients got over-excited and began lobbing the discs out of the windows at passers-by."

However, if full technical gizmometry is what you are after, rather than simply a mobile party, call Head of State, run from south London by Mike Meehan, for a complete stretch office. Three phone lines, a fax machine, office lights, clocks, videos and mahogany tables fill the interior of his stretch Mercedes, Jaguars and Rolls-Royces. And if the client wants some time off to play golf, he or she can simply give the car's fax or telephone numbers to the office and head off on to the links. Mr Meehan will deliver any messages, and business can be conducted without even leaving the course.

Mr Meehan believes no country uses the stretch as effectively as Britain. "On the Continent, you won't find anything comparable," he says. "Try and get the equivalent of a stretch limo in Rome, for example. You will get a Fiat with a madman in it. We do it better than anyone else, even America. I think it's because this country still has the 'doff your hat' mentality, where people still serve others."

Maybe the allure of the limo is its sensation of stardom: see a stretch cruising round Hyde Park corner, and you feel Liz Taylor might possibly be breathing the same air as you.

One of Mr Barnes's favourite bookings is the pick-up from a concert at Wembley Stadium.

"I always tell the client to wait for ten minutes before coming out," he says. "I'm right up there at the entrance, waiting with the engine turning over. Soon there's a crowd of about 200 all gathered round, asking if, say, Mick Hucknall is about to come out. I say yes to some and no to others; it drives them mad. Then my client comes out and they all groan.

"But", Mr Barnes adds conspiratorially, "I then say my client is a friend of Mr Hucknall's. People go mad, crowding round them and trying to touch them. They think that person has actually touched a star."

ROSIE MILLARD

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Wheeled splendour: Les Barnes enjoys the mod cons of one of his company's stretch Cadillacs

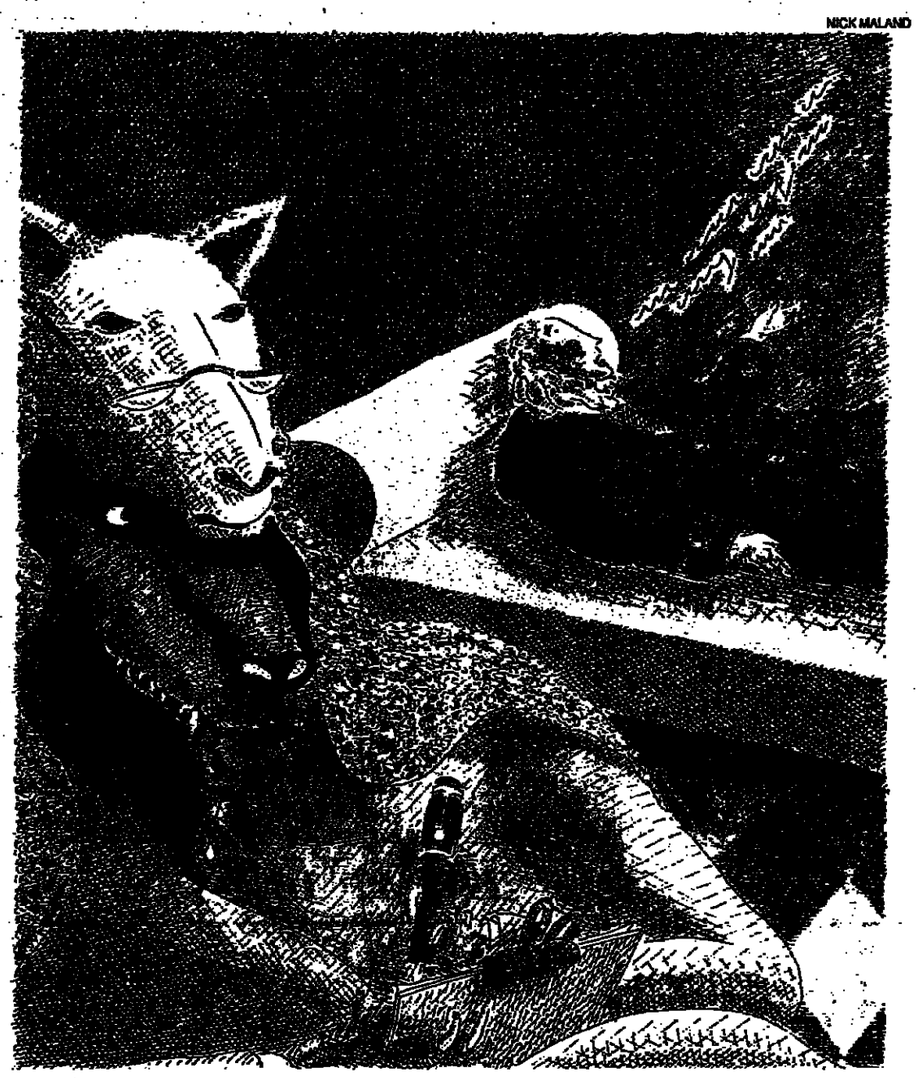
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Demand for psychotherapy is outstripping the reputable supply, **Jeremy Laurance** reports

Who will mind the healers?


NICK MALAND

A doctor requires at least five years' training before he can look down a patient's throat, but a person who wishes to dabble in other people's emotional lives needs none. Anyone can buy a couch, place a small ad in the paper offering treatment and set up as a "therapist".

A glance at the classified pages in magazines such as *Time Out* suggests that business is booming. As well as conventional psychotherapy, you can get transactional analysis, Gestalt therapy, personal construct psychology, hypnotherapy — to name only a few.

Millions of pounds are being spent by vulnerable people in search of answers to life's problems, and those who promise them operate free of all controls.

A patient visiting a doctor's surgery has the comfort of knowing that the doctor's competence and behaviour are monitored by the General Medical Council, with which all doctors must be registered and which investigates complaints. But a patient seeking help from a therapist has no guarantee of competence, no means of checking qualifications, and there is no regulatory body to investigate complaints.

> Anyone can buy a couch, and place a small ad in the paper offering treatment

Last weekend a meeting of 70 therapy organisations that are members of the UK Standing Conference of Psychotherapists agreed to produce a register which will set out basic training requirements and for the first time offer clients some protection against being damaged, exploited or abused. But the authority of the proposed register has already been undermined by a split among the groups over training.

Organisations offering therapy have multiplied in the past decade. Some are analytic, seeking to give patients insight into their problems, and some are behaviourist, seeking to modify emotional responses. One, the British Association of Psychotherapists, which has 450 therapists on its books, has seen a tenfold increase in the number of enquiries from the public in recent years.

The growing enthusiasm for therapy is fuelled by the breakdown of family relationships, increasing solitariness and the tougher demands of modern life. "People look to their therapists for what is missing in their personal lives," says Dr Brian Martindale, the chairman of the European Federation for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. "It has become more acceptable to go to the doctor with psychological problems, but there is enormous disillusion because they have contributed almost nothing to solving the ordinary daily problems associated with relationships, work and families."

Coupled with this is the current fashion to eschew drugs, especially for emotional distress, because of dissatisfaction with chemical solutions and fear of addiction. "People suffering depression don't just want their mood lifted," says Jill Curtis, of the British Association of Psychotherapists. "They want to know why they went down in the first place."

But the demand for psychotherapy is now so great that it is outstripping the supply, creating opportunities for the unscrupulous to step in.

Ms Curtis says the greatest danger is that an unqualified person may uncover something he or she does not know how to deal with. Sexual exploitation is also a risk. A group set up in 1990 by two psychotherapists, Jenny Fasal and Mary Edwardes, to help victims, called the Prevention of Professional Abuse Network, says that it has received more than 100 complaints. Other countries have moved to deal with these problems. Psychotherapy is now recognised by governments in Germany, Holland, Sweden and Finland and therapists from approved training organisations can work in the state-run health services.

In Finland, which has the most comprehensive psychotherapy service in Europe, patients can get free 50-minute therapy sessions, up to five times a week for up to two years, treatment which would cost thousands of pounds privately.

In Britain, there is greater scepticism about the effectiveness of therapy. Only child psychotherapists have accredited training and are approved to work in the National Health Service. Some NHS psychologists and psychiatrists provide therapy for adults, but they are not recognised or paid as therapists.

Concern about the damage private therapists may do to emotionally vulnerable people dates from 1971, when a government enquiry into the quasi-religious cult, Scientology, recommended legislation to regulate psychotherapy.

However, attempts to reach agreement on training standards have repeatedly failed because of the enormous variety of therapies, which range from short-term behavioural treatments — to control a phobia, for example — to long-term psychoanalysis, involving a minute examination of past and present relationships.

To 'encompass these differences, the UK Standing Conference, set up three years ago, divided therapies into eight sections, each with its own standards and training requirements, in recognition that people can be helped in different ways. "We felt we shouldn't jettison therapies which did not conform to a single standard," says Denise Taylor, a former chair of the British Association of Psychotherapists. "There are many roads to Rome."

However, disagreements broke out within the psychoanalysis section, the largest of the eight with 32 member organisations. Some, such as the Institute of Psychoanalysis and the British Association of Psychotherapists, insist on practitioners undergoing personal therapy at least three times a week for a minimum of four years. "We felt the standards were not high enough and we were in too small a minority to have real influence," Dr Martindale says.

Half a dozen of the top-rank organisations with the strictest training requirements have now established their own regulatory authority, the British Confederation of Psychotherapists, and plan to set up their own register.

Their action has undermined the authority of the remainder by implying that their standards are lower. The result is confusion for the public and bitter resentment among the other organisations.

Allegations that some therapists have sexually abused their clients have also raised fears that therapy may cause damage. Therapeutic relationships are open to abuse because the balance of power is one-sided. "A number of psychotherapists who are still practising have slept with their patients," says Ms Fasal. "Even when it is drawn to the attention of their organisations, either they refuse to believe it or they don't do anything about it."

"There are what we call the 'the GGs', the grab and grope merchants. That is usually a one-off. Then there are the therapists who tell patients they will be able to have successful relationships only after they have had sex with their therapists."

Because people rarely complain about therapy that fails or goes wrong, there is no pressure on the government to act. The depressed blame themselves and the public remain ignorant of the risks. Until a register backed by agreed standards and monitored by a regulatory body is in place, the opportunities for the unscrupulous and the unqualified will grow.

"I do believe that therapy can help people to cope with a specific problem, such as a bereavement or with more general long-term depressions," Ms Fasal says. "But there is no foolproof way of finding a good therapist. Much of the time you need to trust your instincts. They should be happy to tell you of their methods, training and experience and whether they belong to a group of any kind that deals with complaints. A defensive reaction to such questions is definitely a bad sign."

●*A list of organisations that are members of the UK Standing Conference for Psychotherapy can be obtained from the UKSCP, 167 Sumatra Road, London NW6 1PN (please enclose s.a.e). The Prevention of Professional Abuse Network (POPAN) can be contacted at Flat 1, 20 Daleham Gardens, London NW3 5DA (please enclose s.a.e).*

THE THERAPEUTIC MENU

■ Psychoanalysis: based on the theory that we are moulded by our early relationships which we unconsciously transfer on to the therapist. The patient is encouraged to "freely associate" — saying whatever comes into his or her head. The therapist analyses the impulses which maintain the transference and traces them back to early childhood experiences.

■ Psychotherapy: embodies the same principle of revealing unconscious impulses as psychoanalysis but is more focused on specific problems, less intensive and of shorter duration.

■ Cognitive therapy: a refined version of the American notion of "positive thinking", which has been shown to be useful in the treatment of depression. Patients are helped to stand back from negative thoughts and see that they are more pessimistic than the situation warrants. Available (rarely) on the NHS.

■ Personal construct psychology: based on the view that people respond to the world and then "reconstruct" it, with their own theories about why things happen: The therapist tries to help the patient find alternative ways of making sense of their experience.

■ Transactional analysis: employs exercises and games — as well as straight talking — to explore the patient's transactions with others, especially the way they seek and offer recognition and reward.

■ Gestalt therapy: geared to overly conformist or restrained individuals who are encouraged to release their emotions. The therapist may be noisy and provocative and the experience may be cathartic.

New tricks for old dogs



ANTHONY STORR

When I was young, educational psychologists told us that the optimum performance in intelligence tests occurred at about the age of 16. Following this peak, all we had to expect was a daily loss of some thousands of brain cells accompanied by an inexorable decline in intellectual ability. By the time that I embarked on my training as a psychiatrist, I believed that I was already ten years past my best.

The assumption that anyone past 40 was unable to adapt to changing circumstances and unlikely to learn anything new was reinforced by the reluctance of psychoanalysts to take on middle-aged people as patients. Freud had laid it down that old people were "no longer educable"; and what he meant by old was "near or above 50".

Today we regard 50 as the threshold of middle-age and yet the number of elderly unemployed is constantly reinforced by those made redundant or persuaded to take "early retirement".

In contrast to Freud, Jung developed a psychotherapeutic practice which mainly consisted of middle-aged and older patients. Many of these were people who had established themselves in the eyes of the world, only to go through a "mid-life crisis" in which they questioned the value of their previous efforts.

> 'Retirement is not a prologue to death, but an opportunity'

Jung's way of dealing with such patients was interesting. He noted that, in Western cultures, professional and business life was so competitive that establishing one's self as even moderately successful required a one-sided dedication to work which involved neglect of many aspects of life which make it worth living.

Jung concluded that his therapeutic task was to help such patients recapture the lost parts of themselves. In doing so, Jung often started an internal process of self-development which he called "individuation". Many patients found that they recaptured earlier enthusiasms, broadened their interests, and lost their depression.

Individuation can be described as a spiritual quest of which the ultimate goal is internal harmony or integration. By paying attention to the spontaneous productions of the unconscious mind as expressed in dreams and fantasies, patients not only discover hidden aspects of themselves but also a new set of values. Jung described the person who achieves this goal as possessing "an attitude that is beyond the reach of emotional entanglements and violent shocks — a consciousness detached from the world". Although such an attitude can be desribed as religious, the person who achieves it may not necessarily subscribe to any of the recognised creeds.

Jung's view of the second half of life — after about the age of 40 — as a period of hope, has been reinforced by a variety of studies which demonstrate that development can take place even at an advanced age.

We rightly think of the creatively gifted as exceptional human beings, but their unusual abilities make manifest in their works a process of change which also occurs less obviously in those who are not so well endowed. We may take comfort from the fact that Verdi completed *Otello* when he was 73, and went on to adopt a new style and finish *Falstaff* at the age of 79. Michelangelo was working on his last sculpture, the *Rondanini Pietà*, six days before his death at the age of 89. Tolstoy learnt to ride a bicycle at the age of 67. If Queen Victoria could begin to learn Hindustani at the age of 68, so can you.

Although some provision has been made for further adult education, our society needs to make far more. "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" may be true of canines, but does not apply to humans. The deficiencies of our educational system have ensured that there are large numbers of retired people who have had no early opportunity for higher education.

Although learning new things may take a little longer when one is old, this is generally compensated for by a greater ability to concentrate. Exercising any skill, from gardening to keeping a diary, staves off the kind of depression which comes from feeling useless.

Retirement in later life is not a prologue to death, but an opportunity: "Tomorrow to fresh woods, and pastures new."

Battle against migraine

CHRONIC migraine may soon be a thing of the past, thanks to some highly effective new treatments. Imigran, Glaxo's treatment based on 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT), a naturally occurring brain chemical, has just become available in tablet form.

The drug, which acts on the blood vessels supplying the brain, was introduced in the United Kingdom in 1991 as an auto-injector. Tablets bring slower but no less effective relief. A nasal version will be available in 1994.

☐ Two in three sufferers seem to benefit from this treatment, but at £41.14 for two doses with the auto-injector and £48 for six tablets, Imigran is expensive and most doctors will prescribe it on the NHS only when milder painkillers have failed to work. The drug can produce irregular heart rhythms, and it is not recommended for pregnant women, the elderly or people with high blood pressure. Other less serious side-effects can include vertigo, sedation and feelings of weakness.

☐ About 15 per cent of female migraineurs (chronic sufferers) suffer from menstrual migraine, believed to be triggered by the sudden drop in oestrogen levels just before a period. The best form of treatment here is probably an oestrogen skin patch which should be worn for three days before the beginning of a period. While there have been no clinical trials the only adverse side-effect appears to be breast tenderness.

☐ The City of London Migraine Clinic is conducting trials into electrical stimulation to the brain for the most resistant sufferers. Tests showed that stimulation to the head twice a day with a mild current greatly reduced the severity of the attack for most patients. The current appears to boost the brain's production of relaxing and painkilling hormones, and there are no unwanted side-effects. This treatment has to be carried out at a special migraine clinic.

☐ Among "alternative" remedies for migraine, the herb feverfew has proved the most effective. Clinical trials have given clear indication of its efficacy. The herb, taken either as bitter-tasting leaves in a sandwich, or as tablets, works by inhibiting granule secretion in the blood platelets in the brain. There are no major side-effects but some users may experience abdominal pain, mouth ulcers and swollen lips.

LIZ HODGKINSON

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No non-smokers without fire

Nicotine patches may be selling well, but how effective are they?

Aspiring non-smokers who stuck a nicotine patch on to aid their new year resolution may now be experiencing strange dreams, or mild hallucinations comparable to the sensory distortions of a bad bout of flu. Whether these side-effects are caused by a lower level of the drug, its method of absorption by the body or to general symptoms of withdrawal remains unclear.

The battle between patch manufacturers has been running since November when the government's committee on the safety of medicines allowed them to be sold over the counter: previously they had been available only on a doctor's private prescription. The contest hotted up with the start of the year and the launch of £6 million advertising campaigns by manufacturers.

The success rate of the devices, which release nicotine into the blood in order to counter withdrawal symptoms, appears good when used as part of an overall plan to stop smoking. But charities in the field are concerned about their availability without supervision or support.

Mark Flannagan, assistant director of Action on Smoking and Health (Ash), says: "The success rates have been among highly addicted, highly motivated smokers. When you sell over the counter you get lightly addicted, lightly motivated smokers who think they'll just give it a try without any pain or trouble.

"Of course smoking is worse for you than a patch, but there is a good pharmaceutical principle in not releasing new drugs over the counter without complete medical evidence. The instructions are clear and sensible, but we know people don't always follow instructions. This is also a multi-million pound industry which will grow and develop, and although the current manufacturers are entirely scrupulous other ones later might not be."



Some experts believe the government released the product from prescription partly to avoid growing pressure to make it available on the NHS.

Sandi Wilson, director of Quit, the charity which helps smokers give up, says that close attention should be paid to success rate claims. At the end of the three-month period of using the patches the success rate has been claimed to be as high as 40 per cent, but after a year it could have dropped to 17 per cent.

"Obviously we welcome any product that helps people stop smoking, but there is a danger of over-emphasis on pharmaceutical aids," Ms Wilson says. "Ninety per cent of people who give up successfully do so through sheer willpower. Nine million of Britain's four million smokers say they want to give up and that makes them very vulnerable to heavy advertising. Everyone wants a miracle cure.

"And nicotine itself is only one of the reasons people smoke. There are social, emotional and psychological factors too, which is why people often fail when they try to quit without any help at first with motivation or with understanding why they smoke.

In an ideal world", she says, "these products would not have been given an over-the-counter licence but given that the situation is unlikely to change we would like better labelling and tighter controls on advertising.

"Slimming aids have to carry a warning saying they should be used as part of a controlled diet. We think patches should say something similar and that, if in any doubt, one should contact one's GP."

The patches should be used for a three-month period during which the user gradually reduces the dosage. The cost works out at a little less than a packet of cigarettes a day: Nicorette and Nicotinell costs around £182 for the course, Nicabate £157 for ten weeks.

But can they do any actual harm? Martin Jarvis, assistant director of the health behaviour unit at the National Addiction Centre in the Maudsley Hospital, London, says side-effects do not appear too perturbing so far. "Skin irritation of any significance only occurred in 7 per cent of cases and dreams tended to be vivid rather than nightmarish. Even for those with conditions like heart problems a patch could be safer than continuing to smoke. It means less nicotine taken in a less harmful way and without the tar and carbon monoxide."

Users are warned not to smoke while wearing a patch. "It is possible to overdose on nicotine but there are powerful control mechanisms: one of the first symptoms is nausea and vomiting.

"There is clear evidence that [patches] do help people give up. But no treatment does it for the smoker. He or she has to want to quit and be prepared to work away at it."

Dr Gwen Parr, head of Pharma Policy at Ciba-Geigy, which produces Nicotinell, says: "This is not a quick-fix solution and all our advertising is geared to taking it seriously. There is a patients' support booklet in the pack giving suggestions as to how you can reinforce weaning yourself off cigarettes."

Dr Parr says that if customers find when they open the pack that the product is contraindicated because of a pre-existing condition they can ask for a refund which will be considered on an individual basis.

LIZ GILL

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Lynne Truss



■ The organisers of Crufts with tickets to *Reservoir Dogs* should reconsider at once

I don't know what a reservoir dog is. I mean, I know that a new heist-movie called *Reservoir Dogs* has just opened, which is where the expression comes from: but after that my information runs out. Evidently the film is rather nasty but brilliant, is set in a warehouse after a failed robbery, and has a great central performance from Harvey Keitel. But curiously there are no dogs. And there is an infamous torture scene, and lots of blood, and fantastic suspense about which of the six conspirators tipped off the police. Yet the canine input, as such, is small. In short, then, nobody should buy a ticket under the illusion that *Reservoir Dogs* represents the relaunch of the animal picture. If the organisers of this week's Crufts have bought it as a special treat for the last day of the show, they should reconsider.

I raise this matter not just because I am irredeemably literal-minded, but because when the director of the film appeared on *Moving Pictures* (BBC2) on Saturday, he seemed to be saying that actually, ha ha, he didn't know what the title meant either. He just liked it, and when producers had frowned and tut-tutted, he had fobbed them off with a fancy answer about French gangland argot, which like prize mutts they had fallen for. Quentin Tarantino is his name, and this is his first film. He seemed young and over-excited, and was evidently a stranger to the benefits of personal grooming, but to say that he was wised up to the movie business would be like saying Edward Scissorhands was sharp. He knew perfectly well that a title like *Reservoir Dogs* raises images in people's minds, but no awkward questions. Also, that the moment it enters common parlance ("Seen *Reservoir Dogs* yet?"), it tucks itself into a nice safe corner of the memory where semantics does not intrude.

Obscure titles have one great advantage, of course: they flatter the punters. This explains why so many up-market book titles take allusions from other writers, or invoke the names of famous intellectuals. A little while ago there was a spate of titles so obviously following in the footsteps (or possibly claw-prints) of *Flaubert's Parrot* by Julian Barnes, that I began to suspect a directive had gone out from publishers, with the promise of a bag of nuts for the best entry: Balzac's Horse, Schrödinger's Cat, Foucault's Pendulum, Aubrey's Raven, Kafka's Dick. I remember vowing at the time that if I were ever to write a novel, I would hitch my skateboard to the bandwagon and plump for Einstein's Tick, or Savonarola's Bum, or Darwin's Teapot, and hang the consequences. It wouldn't matter that the book didn't fit the title, because obviously the allusion is so clever it doesn't have to. And if pushed, like the director of *Reservoir Dogs*, you could just make something up ("Darwin's teapot? Well obviously it stands for bone-china fragility in a tough survivalist world").

Mainly, however, you would rely on the fact that somewhere in the back of the collective mind there are philosophical things such as Occham's Razor, which sound fantastically difficult and all-encompassing and seriously paradoxical, and just right for a modern book. In the end, by the way, I pretty well settled on Heidegger's Bactrian for my own novel. It's a title that suggests all sorts of things, including two handy humps of water for emergencies. Occham's Wash-Mitt I will preserve for another occasion. And just to cover all the angles, I will give my book the full title of Heidegger's Bactrian: Now a Major Motion Picture Starring Daniel Day-Lewis.

Meanwhile it is slightly worrying to realise how unthinkingly all titles are assimilated in one's mind. No sooner have you heard of David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* than it becomes simply something to get your tongue round, not to ask damn-fool questions about. Recently I met a man who had seen *Pygmalion* at the National Theatre and who clearly had no idea where the title came from, but had not let this trouble him for an instant. Fair enough. Not everyone carries a Larousse Classical Encyclopedia in their coat pocket. As far as he was concerned, *Pygmalion* was the name of a famous play by George Bernard Shaw; why did it have to *mean* anything? Indeed, I just wish I'd said it was French gangland argot, or something, to see how far I would get.



THE BLUE PENCIL

Take a deep breath and boo

When a singer's top notes crack, are the audience's catcalls a sign of boorishness or merely fine artistic discrimination?

Bernard Levin

Booing is back; at any rate the subject is. It raised its head when Pavarotti was booed at the Scala for cracking, twice, on a high note; the operatic world was instantly divided into those who professed to admire the musical acuity of the Scala gallery and those for whom Pavarotti can *do* no wrong, not even when he falls off a high C. These things are taken seriously; Paul Johnson was at once up in arms at the booers, and even our normally imperturbable arts editor waxed, if not wroth, certainly wrothish.

The cracked note is, of course, the trap for any singer (though it is worse for tenors and sopranos than baritones and mezzos), and none escapes it for ever; I heard Kiri Herself fall off the ladder once, in Bohème. It should not figure greatly; can there be an actor who has *never* had to take a prompt? But the artificial light in which the leading opera singers live, so that some of them hardly know who will emerge when they take off their costumes and greasepaint, demands that they should be more than mortal, and therefore never fail even the most trivial ordeal.

I heard Callas many times, and wish I had been present (I think it was in Rome) on the famous occasion of her monster crack. Before the booers had time to open their mouths, she stepped forward, put up her hand in a regal gesture, and went back a few bars; as she approached the fatal note again, the entire house stopped breathing, whereupon she lofted it heavenwards, perfect and thrilling; the audience, needing no cue, cheered the roof off. (Why was she truly "the one and only"? It was a kind of mesmerism; we all tingled when she entered as though we had touched a live wire.)

Booing is now to be heard only at the opera; it never was used at concerts, apart from provocations like Stravinsky's *succès de scandale* in his early days, but it once flourished mightily in the theatre, as I can witness. Indeed, I saw (perhaps I should say heard) its last kicks, and I can tell you how it ended. Pull up a chair.

The tradition of booing (and in early days hissing as well) is just about a hundred years old in the form we would recognise. Shaw, in his years of theatre reviewing, detested the habit; he even wished we could do away with applause. Twice, however, I have seen an audience leave in total silence; the first time was at Rolf Hochhuth's *The Representative*, and the final tableau showed the doors of the Auschwitz gas-chamber sliding shut. The second time was *The Biko Inquest*; the play was taken from the transcript of the case, when Biko's white murderers were shamelessly acquitted.

In Shaw's days, the booers made such a nuisance of themselves that the police sometimes had to be called; I never saw that, but more than once I saw a persistent booer being escorted from the premises, in the interval, by members of the theatre staff. (They always remembered to give the disruptive booer his money back.)

The booers had the field to themselves in my day; in Shaw's there was an added element, consisting of a group who admired the play which had affronted the booers, whereupon the yelling doubled — more than doubled, because both choruses were straining to outshout their rivals.

This is what Shaw said: "I know there are gallery-goers who contend that if the people who like the play applaud it, the people who dislike it should in justice shew ... that the approval is not unanimous. They might as well contend that if a gentleman who admires a lady tells her that she has pretty hands, any bystander who does not admire her should immediately.... tell her she has a red nose ... Why is the lust of the rabble to mock, jeer, insult, deride, and yell bestially at their unfortunate fellow-creatures recognised as sacred in the gallery when it is suppressed by the police everywhere else? ... I may add that clapping as a method of applause has the great advantage of being far more expressive than shouting ... you can tell ... whether it means a perfunctory 'Thanks awf'ly', or ... an eager 'Thank you EVER so much'; it was splendid', or any gradation between. Shouting can convey nothing but 'Booh!' or 'Hooray!' "

Shaw lost his battle; booing went on, and by the time I was a theatre critic (and thus went to first nights) there were three or four rival claques upstairs. The really dreadful thing about it was their appalling judgment; no doubt we in the critics circle made shocking mistakes, but the taste of the gallery was not only uncomprehending, ignorant and tasteless, but frequently plain daft.

In one respect, booing then was worse than in Shaw's time, because the practice of having the author take a bow had died out just before the second world war began. It was not re-established, so from then on there were no authors to rebuke by booing. The booing, therefore, at curtain-fall, was taken by the cast, who almost never deserved it, not that the gallery would have known the difference, but I have seen young players in tears (and, in my theatre critic days, heard them curse me), for a wholly misplaced vengeance.

The booing claques disappeared many years ago, for a curiously mundane reason. The gallery really was a gallery; the huddled masses sat up in the roof, and sat, moreover, not on seats but on benches, which were so narrow that doctors in the area made fortunes as bunionologists. After a time, the customers began to complain, but that did them no good. (It never has, throughout theatrical history.) It was the realisation on the part of the theatre-owners that with the invention of a bigger upper circle they could get much more money out of the customers than even a packed gallery would offer, and one by one the galleries disappeared.

(I have a vague belief that Covent Garden was the last to change. None too soon; the temperature in the Garden's gallery could rise to 790 degrees centigrade with ease.)

Booers in the opera house usually display no more understanding than those gallery first-nighters of whom I have spoken; you won't believe this, but when George Solti arrived, a blazing new star in the firmament and obviously with greatness in him, he was repeatedly booed not only when he took his bow at the end of the performance, but when he took his conductor's bow on arriving at the rostrum. Mind you, there was, some years ago, a new production of *Der fliegende Holländer* at Covent Garden, so dreadful that it was greeted at curtain-fall by a virtually unanimous yell of anger and derision from the whole house; I think it played out its four or five performances and was never heard of, let alone heard, again.

Bayreuth has made an art of booing; whatever the work, whatever the quality of the performance, as soon as the opera is finished two teams emerge, each some hundreds strong, and respectively boo and cheer. The Bayreuth administration encourage this, by opening and closing the curtains again and again and again; I have sat in the Festspielhaus, after the performance, for almost an hour, listening to the rival claques, while the referee, instead of ending the charade, urges the combatants on.

While we are on the subject of booing and applauding, it reminds me that some years ago I tried to discover the reason why we strike our palms together as a mark of approbation; we may cheer as well, and that is understandable, because cheering is very close to words, indeed very frequently uses words — take the French *bis* for instance. But who started the fashion for clapping?

I went back astonishingly far, far enough to discover that the Romans signified pleasure at a performance by flapping the corner of their togas, but for the life of me I could not trace the habit of smacking hands, though I think it is a European habit.

Incidentally, Shaw was right about applause, and there is proof from only a few weeks ago. In the marvellous performance of *Die Frau ohne Schatten* that Covent Garden has recently mounted (*now* will you stop poor-mouthing Jeremy Isaacs?), one member of the cast, and an important one, was clearly inferior to the rest. When this singer's solo bow was due there was, of course, no booing, but the applause audibly decreased, to grow again when the next player appeared between the curtains. The change was not dramatic, but its meaning was plain.

Anyway, booing is for milksops. Coming out of the Opera House after *Moses and Aaron*, some years ago, I saw two men in a fight, a real fist-fight, starting in the lobby and spilling out onto the pavement, the *casus belli* being their respective opinions of the work. As for me, I'll boo any man who says that *Pelléas et Mélisande* isn't ghastly twaddle.

Is there a right of privacy?

Woodrow Wyatt on the hysterical reaction to Calcutt

Some editors tell their credulous readers that if the leaked Calcutt recommendations for a privacy law are implemented press freedom would end. If the report had been allowed full publication on the date intended, instead of leaked snippets appearing, calmer consideration might have averted this hysterical reaction. Clearly, there is no intention to curb criticism and mocking of politicians and their policies, whether in government or in opposition, whether just or unjust.

The Calcutt privacy recommendations mirror those in the June 1990 report of the Committee on Privacy. They also square with paragraph four of the Press Complaints Commission code of practice on privacy. If that had been properly operated all would have been well. As the PCC contains a majority of editors and directors of press enterprises, this was impossible because of ferocious circulation wars in a shrinking market. When the PCC issued a statement condemning intrusions into the private lives of the Prince and Princess of Wales editors laughed at this slap on the wrist and carried on as before, encouraged by quick circulation increases.

The US press vigorously attacks the president, his administration and his opponents without restraint. It is not in the least cowed by US privacy laws on Calcutt lines. Tapping and taping wire or cellular telephone calls without permission is a criminal offence. A tape recorder carried on the body during direct conversations is allowed, but if it is used for commercial purposes (such as publication in newspapers) it is illegal. The owner of the tape recorder may listen to it himself but not disseminate it. Furthermore, if publication were shown to have been the result of a conspiracy between a newspaper and the person making the recording, it would be a criminal offence. So, too, is the publication of private details — leaked for money — of bank accounts, overdrafts, credit-card transactions and debts, delay in repayments, mortgage liabilities, income tax returns, and so forth.

Unauthorised photographs on or into private property like those of the Duchess of York by a private swimming pool are not criminal but illegal and subject to civil action, as in France where the Duchess of York and her friend won substantial damages, but could not have here. If, however, someone lies naked on the roof in, say, Grosvenor Square, overlooked from houses nearby, no actionable offence arises; nor in photographing in public places, whether by telephoto lens or close to. Pictures taken on the streets, whether of couples not wishing to be seen together or of children being taken to school, are not actionable. However, photographing children in school playgrounds could well be, depending on the circumstances.

Calcutt (1990) states as a valid defence to any of these offences that they were for the purpose of preventing, detecting or exposing the commission of any crime or other seriously anti-social conduct. Our press boasts of its fearlessness: it would have had a secure defence if it had exposed Robert Maxwell before he did so much harm, after the Board of Trade called him unfit to run a public company. But he owned newspapers.

It is not just politicians, businessmen and those in high places who are entitled to the right to privacy as seminally described by Warren and Brandeis in the *Harvard Law Review* of 1890, but all from the lowest to the highest. I am fascinated by and enjoy the intimate details of others' lives and quarrels. But I do not wish the press to practise the long-despised vice of eavesdropping on mine. Lately there has been altogether too much eavesdropping, not in the public interest but in the interest of boosting circulations. In August, Gallup conducted a poll for *Europa Times* showing that 87 per cent now want laws preserving an individual's right to privacy. Seven per cent were don't knows and only 6 per cent were against.

Calcutt cut off

RELATIONS between Sir David Calcutt and Lord McGregor, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, had reached rock bottom long before the proposals for statutory press controls were leaked to the Sunday press.

Last month McGregor and Mark Bolland, the director of the commission, were invited to a private preview of the report at Calcutt's offices. The visit was a disaster. Both men, according to startled observers, walked out in protest at what they had read.

Until then relations between McGregor and Calcutt had been cordial, if not warm. Earlier the same month McGregor had given oral evidence to Calcutt at his offices off Haymarket, which he shares with civil servants from the heritage ministry.

Robert Eagle, the senior civil servant drafting the report, issued the invitation. Calcutt was anxious for McGregor and Bolland to check the details of the two substantive chapters of the report. They deal with reaction to the original Calcutt enquiry into press privacy and what was set up in its wake — namely the commission.

Calcutt was apparently too busy to greet his guests and had no chance to say goodbye. After the men from the commission had read the chapters, Eagle was summoned.

Neither McGregor nor Bolland will discuss what then followed. But it appears that McGregor barked, "this is pejoratively selective", and walked out, accompanied by Bolland. Calcutt and McGregor have not been in contact since.

Wax works fast

BILL CLINTON'S youthful image may have helped get him elected to the White House but staff at Madame Tussauds could have done with a less hirsute president-elect. They have been working all hours to have the new president's waxwork ready in time for next week's inauguration.

Diane Robertson, spokeswoman for Madame Tussauds, explains: "It normally takes us six months to complete a new waxwork but we started on Clinton only a month before the election.".

Most pressed has been the hair insertion and colouring department, she says. "It usually takes four to six weeks to complete a full head of hair." says Robertson. "He does happen to have a lot, which is typical when we are in a rush."

Clinton will be unveiled on January 19 but is unlikely to be joined by the First Lady. "We will only make a model of Hillary if she does something important in her own right," says Robertson. Or has her hair cut.



DIARY

Double money

FOR the first time since its launch 37 years ago, the Duff Cooper Prize has announced a shortlist. The prize, at £500 hardly the literary world's most generous, is nonetheless highly regarded — past winners include Seamus Heaney and Victoria Glendinning.

Cooper, the first Viscount Norwich, died in 1954. His "finest moment", according to Artemis Cooper, his granddaughter, who this year took over the running of the prize from her father John Julius Norwich, was in 1938 when he resigned as First Lord of the Admiralty in 1938 in protest at the Munich Agreement. When he died, more than 250 friends contributed to an endowment fund which since 1956 has funded the prize.

Artemis Cooper says the shortlist has been introduced to "increase the profile" of the prize. Four books are listed — *Britons: Forging the Nation* by Linda Colley, Yale's history professor; *Never Again* by Peter Hennessy; *The Birth of the Modern* by Paul Johnson and *The Great Melody* by Conor Cruise O'Brien. To thrust the prize further into the 20th century she has doubled the prize money from £250.

But to concentrate on the money, she believes, is to miss the point: "OK, I realise it is not the Booker, but it is a jolly nice thing to have. Within the publishing community you feel very pleased about winning it."

Low-spend zone

AS BRITISH Airways prostrated itself before Richard Branson yesterday, the row over its latest commercial is approaching boiling point. The director of the commercial, which was launched last November and is still being aired on television, is preparing to take BA's agency, Saatchi & Saatchi, to court for alleged underpayment of up to £650,000.

Tony Kaye claims Saatchi has paid him only a fraction of what he is owed. Sources in the advertising world say Saatchi's decision is based on the fact that Kaye overspent "wildly". He admits he exceeded the budget — for example, 200,000ft of film was shot where 50,000 ft was budgeted for — but claims this was necessary: "They did not understand the way I worked." At this point, Kaye claims, he was "sacked" and not allowed any hand in post-production. He believes it was during post-production, undertaken entirely by Saatchi, that costs spiralled.

Kaye, now based in America, has not seen the finished ad and does not want to — "if it came on I would turn it off".

Kaye says while he was working on the commercial, relations between the airline and Saatchi were "strained". BA denies this, insisting it is happy with Saatchi's performance. It says it has no intention of changing agency.

In response to Kaye's comments, Saatchi says only: "There is a dispute over the cost. We are happy with the result but not with the costs incurred. We will be addressing the issue through the appropriate industry channels." Over drinks at the Groucho club, presumably.

The beer necessities



● Politically correct students at Cambridge are boycotting a local beer in protest at the presence on the label of a nude bronze. The offending brew is Tolly Cobbold's Cantab, for many years a staple of the undergraduate diet and now revived in bottles to celebrate the brewery management's buy-out.

The label shows a statue of a maiden, bought in Paris in the 1920s by Douglas Tollemache, founding father of the brewery.

Brian Cowie, joint managing director, says: "The students' union has become very twitchy and afraid of a feminist row. But after all, Rolls-Royces have women on their bonnets." True, but has he tried buying a Roller on a student grant?

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TIME TO GET TOUGH

Piecemeal UN protests play Saddam's game

Iraq's second raid across the UN-demarcated frontier into Kuwait yesterday, carried out just before the UN Security Council convened, was a brazen challenge to the UN to do its worst. The border is guaranteed by the UN under the Gulf ceasefire resolution 687. Iraq must be decisively answered this time, as it was in 1990 and 1991.

Cloudy weather came to President Saddam Hussein's aid last Friday as he moved the Iraqi missiles in southern Iraq before the allied ultimatum expired. Even though Iraq backed down, the confrontation did nothing to resolve the problem of Iraq's repeated flouting of its legal obligations. American intelligence was able to confirm that the weapons no longer posed a threat to allied aircraft but, without pinpointing their exact location, could not categorically rebut Iraq's claim that the weapons were "in the same security position".

Cloudy policies have been equally damaging. Poor implementation of certain UN and allied decisions has emboldened Saddam in his defiance. Iraq's forcible removal of the Silkworm missiles from Kuwaiti territory on Sunday was a repeat of similar raids in 1991. On that occasion Iraq returned four missiles under threat of retaliation. Iraq must do so again. But the UN has yet to explain why these Silkworms, which the UN knew its observer mission was powerless to protect, were not destroyed as the security council had instructed.

The security council appears, furthermore, to have given Iraq until January 15 to remove some non-military Iraqi property, such as half a dozen old border police posts. The UN made this concession because Iraq held the strip of land in question before the UN redrew the border in accordance with the 1963 treaty between Iraq and Kuwait. But concessions should have been out of the question when Iraq refuses to comply with its obligation under the terms of the ceasefire to accept the 1963 boundary and to relinquish all claims to Kuwait.

Baghdad's refusal to allow UN weapons inspectors to use their own aircraft and helicopters is another replay of familiar tactics. This is potentially no less serious than last week's missile deployment, and compromise is out of the question. Were the UN to use Iraqi aircraft, as Saddam demands, it would not only weaken the 1990 ban on Iraqi flights beyond its borders but enable Iraq to control the movements of UN inspectors, thus reducing their effectiveness.

Saddam calculates that no direct military response to such obstruction is available to the allies, since the primary objective must be to continue the UN's investigation and destruction of these weapons and facilities. He must be proved wrong.

To bomb facilities, such as Al-Muthana, where the UN team was headed to destroy unstable chemical weapon components, would be dangerous and would solve nothing. But Iraq is violating successive UN resolutions, including 687, dealing with its weapons of mass destruction. The Americans put Iraq under notice last weekend that military action might be taken without warning if it continued to defy the UN. Iraq gave way in 1991 when the US indicated its readiness to take military action. Attacks on Iraqi military bases, already considered in the context of last week's missile threat, should not be ruled out if Iraq does not unconditionally rescind the ban.

Piecemeal responses to individual Iraqi violations leave the Iraqi leader the power he most values: the power, even from a position of weakness, to take the initiative. That lesson needs to be absorbed, as the UN and the allied coalition ponder their response to Saddam's two fresh challenges. The aim is, or should be, clear: to move beyond the pattern of Iraqi defiance and cumbersome international reaction, to a lasting UN-imposed peace. That was the purpose of Operation Desert Storm. Nearly two years after the Gulf ceasefire, America and its allies need to evolve a strategy of escalating response to convince Saddam that the costs of anything short of full and proper compliance with all UN demands will be intolerable. Indifferent to the hardship of ordinary Iraqis, his pride is his military machine. That must be the target.

WAR OF THE SKIES

The directors of British Airways should pay for its misdeeds

It is hard to resist seeing the fight between British Airways and Virgin Atlantic Airways as a replay of the plucky shepherd boy versus the rampaging giant. Yesterday, David's pebble struck Goliath plumb between the eyes. BA was forced to make a humbling, unqualified apology to Virgin as part of a High Court settlement that included the payment of £610,000 in damages and about £3 million in costs. BA admitted and apologised for libel against Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, and described some of the "dirty tricks" perpetrated by its employees against Virgin as "regrettable".

By size, Virgin is indeed tiny beside the giant BA. It owns just eight aircraft to BA's 230. It flies only six routes, 144 fewer than "the world's favourite airline". That makes it no less of a threat, however, to BA's profitability.

Airline profits are made at the margin: the income from most of the seats that fill an aircraft goes towards covering the immense costs of running a network, but it is the last few seats sold that produce all the profit. Also a few popular routes, such as London to New York, subsidise many others. Hence Virgin's tactic of plying the most profitable routes between big cities costs BA a lot of money. Analysts calculate that if Virgin were to go out of business tomorrow, and its customers split between remaining airlines on the basis of market share, BA would make £150m extra profit.

That explains BA's vituperative hatred for Virgin but does not justify it. Nor does it justify the underhand business practices in which BA indulged, from spreading whispering campaigns about Mr Branson's suitability to run an airline and the safety of his aircraft to telephoning Virgin ticket-holders and trying to induce them to change to BA. Worst of all, when Mr Branson complained about these tactics, BA's chief executive, Sir Colin Marshall, had the nerve to say that the allegations were wholly without foundation and unjustified and had been made with the "apparent motive of securing publicity".

That Mr Branson enjoys publicity is undeniable. But his claims about BA were wholly justified and he was quite right both to air them and to seek redress. Lord King of Wartnaby, chairman of BA, has done a fine job of turning a loss-making nationalised industry into a highly competitive and profitable private airline. But under his chairmanship, there seems to have sprung up in BA a bullying subculture that endorses almost any tactic to harm a competitor. It is as if he still wants the privileges of being a nationalised monopoly with no domestic rival. BA has to learn that, in the private sector, battles should be fought purely on the quality of the product. The commercial war cannot be won by smear and innuendo.

Yesterday, the directors of BA attempted to distance themselves from the "regrettable" actions of their employees. The non-executive directors should not allow such abdication of responsibility. If the relevant directors knew what was happening, they should resign. If they did not, they were guilty of gross mismanagement and equally should not remain in their jobs. The non-executive directors should also use this unpleasant incident to put paid to any prospect of Sir Colin seizing the jobs of both chairman and chief executive when Lord King moves upstairs to become president in July.

VEGETABLE MOVE

Passports for potatoes promise freer chips

Yesterday the European Commission published its proposal to create an EC passport for potatoes, shrubs and other plants. For once, this is not as silly as Eurocracy sometimes sounds.

The green arm of Community law is not proposing a passport as grandiloquent as Her Britannic Majesty's. The President of the European Commission does not yet request and require in the name of the Council of Ministers all those whom it may concern to allow the bearer and spouse or spuds to pass freely without let or hindrance and to afford the bearer such assistance and vinegar and salt as may be necessary.

Potatoes are not going to have to list distinguishing marks, such as crossed eyes, nor cucumbers their height and girth. The best part of a potato lies underground anyway, where its eyes are invisible and potential but frustrated buds. The proposed plant passport is apparently a liberalising measure to speed the movement of plants across internal Community borders, replacing the traditional health certificate at present used when a plant is sent from one European country to another.

Passports for plants are a grandiose Eurocrat publicists' metaphor — and a relatively harmless one. No pompous gilt, merely a simple sticky label, will identify the plant by its formal Latin name. That is a necessary task in a market where the French and English denote startlingly different salad plants by *endive*; and where a turnip means the white *Brassica rapa* to the English, while to Scots it is the large yellow *Brassica napobrassica* or neep, which in England is generally given to sheep.

The plant passe-partout will declare other information such as the country of origin, no doubt by brassica-code, and the name of the certifying authority in charge of plant health declarations. Once a plant-growing nursery has been certified, subject to regular inspection, it should find its passport makes it simpler to export its plants than the present green-tape for each individual package.

When the EC certification project was first announced, there were fears that village fêtes would be oppressed by the plant police for not having the requisite certificates of vegetable authenticity, and that small and specialist horticulturists would be put out of business. This is a trade in which the United Kingdom leads the world, because of the pre-eminence of English gardeners, explorers and botanists over the past two centuries. British growers may need to look to their laurels. But better a Europotato with a standard Euro-passport than an illegal immigrant with a nasty foreign potato pox.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New restraints on the media

From Mr William J. Jory

Sir, Presumably if Churchill had made peace with Hitler in 1940 there would already be a Calcutt-style Press Complaints Tribunal.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM JORY,
The Old House, Michelmersh,
Near Romsey, Hampshire.
January 11.

From Mr Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool (Labour)

Sir, "We're not going to have some clapped-out judge and two busybodies deciding what goes into our newspaper," declared the editor of *The Sun*, Mr Kelvin MacKenzie (report, January 11). Such rubbishing comments on David Calcutt's proposals are in keeping with Mr MacKenzie's style — he will edit his newspaper in any way he pleases and absolutely no one else's opinions or standards count.

This is precisely the sort of arrogance which Mrs Thatcher cited to justify her draconian measures in the 1980s to curb the freedom of trade unions. No one, she said, should be above the law.

I am far from persuaded that statutory regulation of the press is desirable, but Mr MacKenzie is helping to make up my mind.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MANDELSON,
House of Commons.
January 11.

From Mr J. Melville Williams, QC

Sir, My father, Francis Williams, used to say that the duty of the journalist was not "responsibility" but rather irresponsibility in the sense of a refusal to accept authority and always to challenge the accepted dogma. I looked again at his book *Dangerous Estate* and came across *The Times*'s response in the 1850s to Lord Derby's rebuke for the paper's alleged irresponsibility. It said:

> The first duty of the press is to obtain the earliest and most correct intelligence of the events of the time, and instantly, by disclosing them, to make them the common property of the nation.

This must not be forgotten in the debate on Calcutt or there is a serious danger of further restraint on the free flow of information to the detriment of democracy.

Yours faithfully,
J. MELVILLE WILLIAMS,
15 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
January 11.

Speed and safety

From Mr A. Powys-Lybbe

Sir, Dr Shipsey (letter, January 1), with his scale of multiple car lengths, makes safe driving sound difficult! If he were to substitute 100 metres for 22½ car lengths — the distance between the posts thoughtfully installed along the sides of our motorways — he would easily be able to keep a mental picture of the safe stopping distance at 70 mph.

True, it is difficult in the middle lanes to preserve this distance as a gap behind traffic ahead. It becomes immediately filled by overtaking cars and lorries. But move to the inside lane, generally almost deserted, and the former pleasures of safe driving on the open road may often be recaptured.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
A. POWYS-LYBBE,
20 Shardeloes,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr K. M. Fantom

Sir, The after-dark corollary to Mr Bazlinton's two-second rule (letter, January 5) is to gauge one's distance from the car in front by not allowing one's dipped headlights to illuminate its rear window. This not only maintains a safe braking distance but also spares the other driver the discomfort of a brightly lit car interior.

Yours faithfully,
KEN FANTOM,
The Officers House,
Rye Harbour, East Sussex.
January 5.

Churchill's resolve to fight Nazism without compromise

From Mr Winston Churchill, MP for Davyhulme (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Alan Clark, my erstwhile colleague, former junior defence minister, is well known to revel in eccentricity. He now reveals himself (article, January 2) as an appeaser who would have favoured selling out to Hitler in July 1940 or April 1941. Has he forgotten that it was not Churchill but Neville Chamberlain, the architect of appeasement (for whom he has evident admiration), who declared war on Nazi Germany?

But even the man who had betrayed the Czechs at Munich had, by September 1939, been forced to the conclusion that Hitler's word could not be trusted. Yet Mr Clark seeks to revile Churchill for his refusal to make peace with Nazi Germany even after every major country of Europe, except Britain alone, had been occupied and as Hitler's armies stood poised to attack his own ally Russia in violation of the Nazi-Soviet pact.

The idea of negotiating an honourable and enduring peace with Hitler is so fanciful as to be absurd. It is difficult to believe it could seriously be entertained by any but the most gullible. How fatuous to imagine that Hitler would have allowed Britain to keep her navy and air force, let alone her treasure and empire, which he coveted! And what would have been the answer of Alan Clark and his ilk once Hitler, having defeated Russia and established his "1,000-year Reich" from Land's End to Vladivostok, proceeded to rip up his treaty with Britain as he had with Russia?

How would he propose our people might have been protected when the Gestapo moved into Britain and citizens were herded into concentration camps and gas chambers?

Only this week publication of official government documents has revealed how British officials on Guernsey connived at drawing up lists of Jews for deportation to Germany and execution in concentration camps (report, January 6).

How fortunate for Britain and all the peoples of Europe that such defeatist, pusillanimous counsels did not prevail and that Churchill, and the nation that placed him in a position of supreme power to wage war on Hitler in our nation's most dangerous hour, had the courage to pursue defiance through to victory and the liberation of all Europe from the scourge of Nazism!

I have the honour to remain, etc.,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL,
House of Commons.
January 8.

From Sir Karl Popper, CH, FRS, FBA

Sir, Alan Clark seems to endorse the theory that Churchill was wrong to continue the war in 1940. His main argument is that Hitler was prepared to offer Britain good terms for making peace. No doubt he is right: Hitler would have offered excellent terms, an agreement even better than the one he made with Stalin in 1939. And surely Hitler would have honoured his pact with Britain until the defeat (preferably with Britain's help) of Stalin, his former ally.

Nobody can tell today how and why Hitler would have broken his pact with Britain. It is incomprehensible how an historian could doubt that Hitler would have done so at an appropriate moment not long after defeating Stalin (who would have been without British or US help).

One other thing cannot be doubted: that the incinerators of Auschwitz, and many others newly built elsewhere, would have continued to operate, exterminating the enslaved Africans, Slavs and, gradually, all the other "sub-human" races, thus preparing for the successful "final solution" of the racial problems all over the earth.

It is Churchill (the only one of all the war leaders who could have been dismissed by Parliament at any time) to whom we owe the fact that all this did not happen.

Yours sincerely,
K. R. POPPER,
136 Welcomes Road, Kenley, Surrey.
January 5.

From the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Sir, People forget science. Without the tremendous US-British-Canadian effort of the Manhattan project Germany would have had the atom bomb first. The Farm Hall tapes, recording the conversations of six detained German nuclear scientists, show them doing quite well (though luckily not quite as well as some feared at the time), even though we were bombing their heavy water plant in Norway. They already had ballistic missiles (the V2).

It is beyond belief that a Hitler alone in the world, armed with atomic missiles, would have made peace with anybody, let alone the British. I doubt if my friend Alan Clark would have been here *pour épater les bourgeois* so amusingly; nor I, Sir, to remain

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE
(Minister of Science and Technology),
Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall, SW1.
January 5.

From Sir Geoffrey Cox

Sir, John Charmley's statement, in the Valerie Grove interview on January 8, that "Churchill's leadership was inspiring, but in the end it was barren, it led nowhere", shows a remarkable lack of realisation that what was at stake in 1940 was individual liberty and personal freedom within Britain.

Hitler would certainly have exacted, as part of the outcome of a peace treaty in 1940, a government in Britain prepared to be friendly to the Third Reich. Whether that government took the form of Mosley fascism, or of a British version of Vichy, it would have put an end to individual liberty within Britain — if only because of the measures necessary to suppress the substantial section of the British people who would have been vehemently opposed to a deal with Hitler and the Nazis.

Far from Churchill's leadership leading nowhere, it led to us emerging from the war as a free country, with the power in our own hands to shape our future. That we may not have done a very good job of that shaping was not Churchill's fault.

Yours etc.,
GEOFFREY COX.
Amadines,
Coln St Dennis, Northleach,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
January 8.

From Mr Peter Padfield

Sir, There are many areas in which Churchill's reputation might be questioned, but Alan Clark is wrong to believe that a peace struck with Hitler in 1940 would have preserved the British empire for long.

Now that German ministerial and industrial papers of the time are available for inspection it is astonishing to see the thoroughness of Germany's preparations for expansion, first in Europe, next to a great African empire, finally the struggle against the United States for world mastery.

As for Great Britain, a department of the giant German combine I. G. Farben had worked out as early as the summer of 1940 her permitted export quotas for chemical products within the German-controlled world economy.

To quote from a document produced by the Third Reich's Association for Economic Planning in May 1940:

> A continental-European economy under German leadership must ... comprise all the peoples of the continent from Gibraltar to the Urals and from the North Cape to the island of Cyprus ... (but) on foreign-political grounds it appears necessary to designate this not ... as a German extended-area economy, but fundamentally always to speak of a European economic community.

Yours truly,
PETER PADFIELD,
Westmoreland Cottage,
Drybridge Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
January 3.

Childhood past

From Mr T. R. Boys

Sir, Mr P. M. Gilmore (letter, New Year's day) paints a nostalgic portrait of village life in the 1920s. His village, "some 60 miles northwest of London", could have been any one of several Northamptonshire villages of my acquaintance.

My Uncle Bill was the baker at Flore, where the coke fires never went out but were just damped down over Sunday, and it made economic sense to use the ovens for cooking the villagers' lunches. He charged a penny for a joint with potatoes and twopence if there was a Yorkshire pudding under it.

The system worked well because Sunday was the day when the villagers lit the fire in the front room instead of the kitchen. Cooking time just about coincided with the length of morning service, so delivery and collection were built into the walk to and from church. If the parson preached a longer than usual sermon, the meat got especially well done.

At the top of the yard behind the bakehouse were a few pigs who ate up the unsold bread and subsequently went into the pork pies which were the recognised Christmas day breakfast in those parts.

This must have been a very localised tradition; in 50 years I have met only one non-Northamptonshire person who practised it, and he came from Wolverhampton.

Yours faithfully,
T. R. BOYS,
The Cottage, Chapel Lane,
Westmancote,
Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.
January 2.

Identifying banknotes

From Mr Jack Arkinstall

Sir, It is claimed by the Bank of England that the new issue of £5, £10 and £20 notes can be identified by partially-sighted and blind people by means of a printed circle for £5, diamond for £10 and a square for the £20 note.

Really? I invite the Governor of the Bank of England, or anyone else, to put themselves in the position of a blind or partially sighted person such as myself, and try it.

Unlike the old issue, the values cannot be identified by their size, since they are almost identical. Surely we should show more consideration for these unfortunate people and design a series of bank notes that are readily identifiable by touch. At the moment, they have to rely on others' honesty.

Yours sincerely,
JACK ARKINSTALL,
99 Beach Road, Selsey, West Sussex.

Down on the farm

From Mr George R. Ayres

Sir, As I lay back relaxing after a sauna with interesting and congenial companions, I contemplated with agreeable anticipation the day ahead at this health hydro, scene of my annual "50,000-mile service".

Suddenly I encountered the article by Sarah Mower, "Very down on the farm" (Looks, January 6). My blood pressure moved rapidly in the wrong direction as I read, with mounting irritation, her account which was far removed from the experience of guests who return here year after year to charge their batteries, lose some weight, stop smoking or for countless other beneficial reasons.

Ms Mower sounds like somebody seriously in need of the thoughtful and benign regime to be found at the best of this type of establishment.

Yours revitalised,
GEORGE R. AYRES,
Forest Mere, Liphook, Hampshire.
January 7.

Comings and goings

From Mr John Rowsell

Sir, Mr Samuels (letter, December 30) occasionally chassés to and fro to avoid oncoming pedestrians. When we were younger, cheekier and quicker-witted we brought these meetings to a rapid conclusion with a cheery "Once more and then I must go ..."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ROWSELL,
83 Beacon Street,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.

From Mrs Pamela O'Malley

Sir, I have no doubt in my mind that in two-way traffic, on a narrow pavement, those on the kerb edge should be facing the oncoming vehicles — and people should therefore keep to the left.

Yours sincerely,
PAMELA O'MALLEY,
23 Nightingale Avenue,
Cambridge.
January 9.

From Mrs Peta Stokes

Sir, I was taught that "if you're not demented quite, always pass along the right".

Yours faithfully,
PETA STOKES,
Adeney Cottage, 6 St Mary's Mead,
Witney, Oxfordshire.

Pensioners' deal

From the Under-Secretary of State, Department of Social Security

Sir, It is very regrettable that *Labour Research* has chosen to start the New Year by reinforcing the old myth that British pensioners do badly compared with their European counterparts (report, January 4). The truth is that British pensioners get one of the best deals in Europe, especially those who have been among the lower wage earners during their working lives.

The Department of Social Security recently commissioned Watson Europe, a firm of independent actuaries, to undertake a study comparing pensioners' benefit income in six EC countries (UK, France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain). This study highlighted the real strength of British provision for pensioners: namely, comprehensive support provided by our safety net benefits for those on low incomes — both single people and couples. For people who have been on half average earnings during their working lives, British provision is better than that in Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

France and Germany do not have a basic pension. Their state pensions are earnings-related, and thus, whether their pensions look better or worse than ours depends on where you look on the earnings scale. False comparisons are often made, based on figures which cannot be comparing "basic" pensions.

Equally false comparisons are made by converting the value of pensions on an exchange rate rather than a purchasing-power parity basis. For example, the cost of living in Denmark is 45 per cent higher than in the UK and pensioners cannot claim their full state pension until they are 67.

In Britain, our safety net benefits, which include up to 100 per cent rent — available to nearly all who live on just the state pension and a little savings — can double the value of the basic state pension. The national safety net systems in other Community countries, where they exist, often have tougher conditions of entitlement.

Germany, so often cited as more generous to its pensioners than the UK, is either at the bottom or near the bottom of the league for those on half average earnings, to whom pension provision is particularly important. Britain is also alone in providing a separate pension for a wife who has never worked, based on her husband's contributions. Pensioners are also major consumers of health services: yet only Spain and ourselves give automatic prescriptions to pensioners.

Taking into account all these differences, the picture looks very different from the one painted in *Labour Research*. Our policy of encouraging private provision, together with our annual increases in the state pension, have led to pensioners' incomes from all sources increasing by a third in real terms since 1979. Help for pensioners will always be a priority for a Conservative government, as our record powerfully demonstrates.

Yours faithfully,
ANN WIDDECOMBE,
House of Commons.
January 4.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Goschen (Lord in Waiting) this morning called upon the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs at Dolphin Square, London SW1, and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed Their Excellencies on their arrival in this country.

Appointments

Mr Justice Waite and Mr Justice Roch to be Lords Justices of Appeal.
Mr Allen Brynmor Rees to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals assigned to the Cardiff region from February 22.

Retirements

Lord Justice Purchas retired as a Lord Justice of Appeal on Sunday.
Mr Justice Mervyn Davies retired as a Judge of the High Court (Chancery Division) on Sunday.

University news

Bristol
Dr P.J. Roberts, Reader in Pharmacology, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Southampton University, has been appointed to the Chair of Neurochemical Pharmacology.

Birthdays today

Mr Anthony Andrews, actor, 45; Mr Ernest Armstrong, former MP, 78; Mr Michael Aspel, broadcaster, 60; Sir Charles Ball, company director, 69; Mr H.G.H. Barratt, trades unionist, 88; Lord Boardman, 74; Mr P.W. Botha, former South African president, 77; Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, 73; Air Vice-Marshal S.O. Bufton, 85; the Hon Sir Richard Butler, former president, National Farmers' Union, 64; Miss Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 76; Mr K. Dawson, headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 56; Mr Brendan Foster, athlete, 45; Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 49; Baroness Hamwee, 46; Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, 57; Miss Anne Howells, concert and opera singer, 52; Lord Justice McCowan, 65; Mr Denys Milne, former managing director, BP Oil, 67; Mr James Mortimer, former general secretary, Labour Party, 72; Mr Des O'Connor, entertainer, 61; Sir John Rennie, former governor-general, Mauritius, 76; Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 63; Mr Justice Swinton Thomas, 62.

Latest wills

Sir Richard Geoffrey Austen Meade, of Lower Radley, Oxfordshire, formerly of the British Consular Service, left estate valued at £199,046 net.

Mr Russell Reginald Hammond Grant, of Grimsby, Humberside, left estate valued at £1,910,010 net. He died intestate.

Mr John Carr, of Bessacarr, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, left estate valued at £7,017,265 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

SIMON WALKER



Food for thought: the actresses Rula Lenska and Joanna Kanska launching a Help the Aged appeal at New Covent Garden Market, London, yesterday to send fresh food and medicines to the poor of Eastern Europe

Nature notes

THE low winter sun throws a rosy tint on the breasts of house sparrows and starlings, which just look brown in a dull light, seem like dark silver as they run about on the grass. Some starlings are singing on perches near their future nesting holes: among the clicks and whirrs, there are short bursts of quite musical song. On mild mornings, rooks sit by their nests in the rookeries, and poke in a desultory way at the twigs. Out in the fields, skylarks are feeding in assemblies of up to 50 birds: when they fly up, they waver and turn and flicker away in a different direction as though the whole flock had been trapped by the wind.

Shepherd's purse and chickweed are in flower here and there on waste ground and rubbish tips. Shepherd's purse has heart-shaped seed-pods all the way up the stem and tiny white flowers at the top. Chickweed has larger white flowers with five petals cleft down the middle so that they look like ten. On the damp side of tree trunks, algae grow like a green powder; on the dry side grow crusty lichens, which are actually fungi and algae living in partnership. DJM



STARLING

School announcements

Charterhouse
The Long Quarter starts today. Rupert Rowland-Clark is Head of School; Michelle Dow is Head Girl. David Plowman is Captain of Hockey and Rupert Green Captain of Football. Exeat is from February 12 to February 16. Charterhouse Musicians will give a concert at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall on Thursday, February 25 at 1pm. The Quarter ends on March 26. OC Day will be on Saturday, July 3. A Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 16 for those in the School during LQ69 and who left in or before OQ76.

Churcher's College, Petersfield
Lent Term begins at Churcher's College on Tuesday, January 12. The entrance examinations are to be held on Saturday, February 6. The Old Churcherian's Day will be Sunday, March 28 with the Old Boy's v First XI Hockey match at 2.30pm. Term ends on Thursday, April 1 following the Founder's Day Service.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
Term opens today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half term is from 1.00pm, Friday, February 19 to Wednesday, February 24 inclusive. The combined concert with Cheltenham College takes place on Sunday, March 7 at 7.30pm in Cheltenham Town Hall and includes Beethoven's Mass in C and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. The Sixth Form Drama production, *Pravda* by Howard Brenton and David Hare, takes place at 7.00pm in the Princess Hall on Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19. Term ends on Saturday, March 20 after Leaving Prayers in the Princess Hall.

Dean Close School
The Spring Term begins today. Lloyd Allington succeeds Christopher Kenyon as Housemaster of Field House. David Wilkins is Captain of Hockey and Martina Calvert is Captain of Netball. The Music Scholarship auditions will be held on February 4 and the Academic Scholarship from February 22-24. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on February 26 and the School's Open Day on February 27. The Bishop of Tewkesbury will conduct Confirmation on March 7, the Choral Society will perform Bach's St Matthew Passion on March 14 and term ends on March 17.

Harrogate Ladies' College
The Spring Term, which marks the commencement of the Centenary Year of the school, begins today. Anne Gartside is Head of School. The years' principal events include a visit to the College by the Princess Royal on January 27 to open Tower House; the Choir sings in Wakefield Cathedral on February 13 and Ripon Cathedral on March 13; Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* will be performed on March 28 and 29; a Lacrosse touring team visits America in April; school concert in the Royal Hall on May 14; the Centenary Commemoration Service (Preacher, the Archbishop of York) on May 28; Open Day and Speech Day on June 25, when Sir Marcus Worsley, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, will present the prizes. The Harrogate College Union (former students) will hold a Centenary Reunion on May 15 at the school, including a service in the Chapel (Preacher, the Bishop of Ripon) and luncheon. The Chairman is Mrs J.L. Kennerley Bankes and the Secretary/Registrar is Mrs N.A. Wheatcroft. Further details and application forms will be sent to members in the HCU magazine. Entrance tests for September 1993 take place on January 20. Half term is from February 18 to 23, and term ends March 31.

The Princess Helena College
Spring term begins today and ends on March 26. Francesca Ingham continues as head of school with Naomi Buckingham Smart as her deputy. The annual Dance and Gymnastics Display will take place on Saturday, March 6 and the production of *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller is on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20. Speech Day this year is on Saturday, June 19 and the guest speaker is Miss Clare Francis.

Dinner

Feltmakers' Company
Mr Brian Burgess, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, with members of the Court of Assistants entertained the Sheriffs of the City of London at his Plough Monday dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork was the speaker.

The Masters of the Merchant Taylors', Ironmongers', Haberdashers', Bowyers', Glovers' and Solicitors' Companies were among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.S. Allitt and Miss S.J. Alexander
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs John Allitt, of Horley, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, daughter of Major-General and Mrs David Alexander, of Elie, Fife.

Mr R.J. Anderson and Miss S.J. Longworth
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs James McKenzie Anderson, of Stannington, Northumberland, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Antony Longworth and the late Mrs Judith Jennifer Longworth, of Chelford, Cheshire.

Mr F.D. Hedley and Miss H.M. Gilfillan
The engagement is announced between Francis Desmond, son of the late Mr and Mrs Anthony Hedley, of Sussex, and Harriet Mary, daughter of the late Mr Brian Gilfillan and of Mrs Gilfillan, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr R.A. Hyland and Miss L.A.M. Oxtoby
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Hyland, of Hailsham, East Sussex, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Oxtoby, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr P.J.N. Inchbald and Miss M.C. Edgecombe
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Inchbald, of Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.G. Edgecombe, of London, SW11.

Mr A.H. Reed and Miss K.M. Sinclair
The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Reed, of Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, and Karina, daughter of Mr I.H. Sinclair and the late Mrs P.J. Sinclair, of Totnes, Devon.

Mr M. ter Haar and Miss E.L. Gosling
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr Pieter ter Haar, of Bilthoven, The Netherlands and Mrs Gerrie Nolthenius de Man, of Haarlem, The Netherlands, and Emma, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Miles Gosling, of Stratton Audley, Oxon.

Mr C.R. Thornton and Miss S.J. Morgan-Owen
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs John Thornton, of Bourton-on-the-Water, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Morgan-Owen, of Shackleford, Surrey.

Mr M.C. Viner and Miss K.E. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr Charles Viner and of Mrs Caroline Beauvois, both of Chichester, West Sussex, and Katherine (Kate), only daughter of Mrs Sandra Anderson, of Barnes, SW13, and Mr Malcolm Anderson, of Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr R.S. Ward and Mrs A.L. Larcombe
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of the late Mr A.E. Ward and of Mrs P. Ward, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.K. Jones, of Reigate, Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean Baptist van Helmont, chemist, Brussels, 1580; John Winthrop, puritan and 1st Governor of Massachusetts, Groton, Suffolk, 1588; Lazaro Spallanzani, chemist, Modena, Italy, 1729; Edmund Burke, statesman, Dublin, 1729; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, Florence, 1856; Jack London, novelist, San Francisco, 1876; Ferenc Molnár, dramatist, Budapest, 1878; Curbastron Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, Italy, 1883; Hermann Goering, wartime Luftwaffe commander, Bavaria, 1893; Georges Carpentier, boxer, Calais, 1894.
DEATHS: Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1705; Georg Forster, explorer, Paris, 1794; Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of shorthand system, Bath, 1897; Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, 1976.
The Royal Aeronautical Society of Great Britain was founded, 1866.
The London Co-op opened the first supermarket in London at Manor Park, 1948.

Church news

Scottish Episcopal Church
Diocese of Edinburgh
The Rev Janet Dyer, Deacon at St Mungo's, Balerno and Anglican Chaplain to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary to be Also Deacon in charge at Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin, from February 11.
Diocese of Brechin
The following to be Canons of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee: the Rev Richard Jones, Rector of Holy Trinity, Monifieth, the Rev William J. McAusland, Rector of St Margaret's, Lochee, Dundee.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
Mr Peter Sanguietti was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr Neville Shulman, president, was in the chair.

The Athenaeum

Professor Averil Cameron was the speaker at a talk and dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir David Hunt was in the chair.

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Your way, God, is holy: what God is as great as our God? Psalm 77 : 13

BIRTHS

ALLAN - On January 8th in Hong Kong, to Sarah (née Bourdillon) and Nicholas, a son, Jonathan Richard Patrick, a brother for Helena.

BALLINGER - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, London, to Natalie (née Newey) and Richard, a lovely daughter, Isabelle Josephine, 9lbs 9oz.

BELL - On January 9th, to Lilias and Johnny, a son, Charles.

BENITZ - Corina Marleigh at The Portland Hospital January 7th at 11.55pm to Chrysal and Bryan. Family healthy and well. Weighing in at 7.15 lbs.

BERKIN - On December 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and Antony, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Emma, a sister for Charlotte.

BUNTING - On January 11th, to Claire (née Pratt) and Nigel, a son, Oliver, a brother for Miranda.

CLINCH - On January 11th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Judith (née Clarke) and Mark, a son, Max Andrew Lister, a brother for Alasdair.

COURTENAY - On January 10th 1993 in Hong Kong, to Babette (née Derouin) and James, a daughter, Celeste.

DARELL - On January 7th, to Samantha (née Reynolds) and Guy, a daughter, Amelia Flora Frances.

DENT - On January 9th 1993, to Diana (née Schofield) and Simon, a daughter, Annabelle Katrina.

FIRTH - On January 6th, to Katherine (née Everett) and Michael, a son, James Michael George.

FRASER - On January 9th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Belinda (née Morgan-Smith) and Brian, a daughter, Camilla Elizabeth.

GAYNER - On January 6th, to Nicola (née Frizzell) and John, another lovely son, Charles Reynolds.

HINES - On January 6th at Newcastle upon Tyne, to Dr. Julia E.M. Hines and Dr. Paul D. Richardson, two sons, Joseph Peter and Thomas Vincent.

HODGSON - Alexandra arrived at The Portland Hospital January 7th, to proud parents Linda and Tim. She's beautiful! Thanks Mr Gillard.

JUCKES - On January 10th, to Diana (née Reakes Williams) and Jonathan, a daughter, Rachel Margaret, a sister for Alice.

KENNEDY - On 8th January, to Lindsey (née Sheridan) and William, a son, Thomas Sheridan, a brother for Tessa.

LESLIE MELVILLE - On January 7th, to Clare (née Heywood-Lonsdale) and James, a son, George, a brother for Jack.

MONBIOT - On January 8th, to Luliette (née Moran) and Philip, a son, Edward, a brother for Natalie and Charles.

MORETON - On January 1st 1993, to Lucy (née Harding) and Christopher, a daughter, Jessica.

MOULDER - On January 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Clare (née Stevenson) and Chris, a daughter, Katy, a sister for Sarah.

PATEL - On Sunday January 10th, to Charanjit (née Grewal) and Yogesh, a son, Kishan.

PHILLPOT - On December 29th, to Claire (née Davies) and Charles, a son, James Robert Charles, a brother for Emma.

ROWSON - On January 7th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Nell and Mariel (née Skepper), a daughter, Laura Claire.

ROXBOROUGH - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Judith (née Prior) and Iain, a son, James Alexander Dugald (Jamie).

SHERWOOD-KING - On January 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Saskia and Timothy, a beautiful son named Peter Frederick Arthur, a brother for William.

WOON - On January 6th, at University College Hospital, London, to Gillian (née Doubleday) and Christopher, a son, David Eugene.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMS-CURIEL - On Thursday January 7th, suddenly, Conrad, beloved husband, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral, family only, has taken place.

ACLAND - On 9th January, Brigadier Peter B.E. Acland, husband for 65 years of Bridget. Father of John and Antony. Private family funeral. No flowers. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

ASHLEY-BUNN - Richard Ashley-Bunn, died on January 6th 1993 in Kings College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London. He leaves a beloved widow Carolyn and son Simon, aged 8. There will be a funeral service on Friday January 15th at 10 am at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Stratheden Road, Blackheath, London, SE3 and a Burial Service at 3.30 pm at the Parish Church of Owermoigne, near Dorchester, Dorset. Family flowers only please.

BIRD - On January 10th 1993, peacefully at home. David. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday January 14th at 1.45 pm.

BOOKER - On January 8th 1993, peacefully in his sleep at home in Guildford. George Albert William, aged 77 years. Formerly of Dunlop Malayan Estates. Dearest father of Merilyn, Jane and Peter. Grandfather of Simon and of Thomas, Mark and Peter in Denmark. And for many years dear husband of Miriam now living in Australia. Funeral Service on Friday January 15th 1993 at 1.15 pm at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, and afterwards at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers, or if desired donations for The Far East Prisoner-Of-War Association (1941-45) London, may be sent to J. Monk, Funeral Directors, 3 Artillery Terrace, Guildford GU1 3NN, Surrey. tel: (0483) 62780.

BROOKING - Nell aged 81. On 8th January 1993, near Chester. Widow of Miles, mother of Jennifer and Carol. Funeral Service at Blacon Crematorium, Chester, at 10.30 am on Friday 15th January. Enquiries, and flowers if wished, to George Pettit & Son, Chester, tel: 390578.

CHAMPAGNE - Jacques, Journalist. Peacefully at home in Saint Germain-en-Laye on 7th January 1993 aged 77, after a long illness. Officier de La Légion d'Honneur, Médaille Militaire, Croix de Guerre 1939-1945, Médaille de La Résistance. Beloved husband of Iris, devoted father of Paul and Anne and much loved grandfather. Family funeral on Tuesday 12th January 1993 at Saint Germain-en-Laye.

DRUMMOND - Paddy (née Lloyd) and David, on Friday 8th January together in a car accident on the Magadi Road, Kenya. Loving parents of Alastair, James and Graham. Church Service to be held at St Mary's, Weaverham, at a date and time to be announced.

DUNLEATH - On January 9th 1993, Charles Edward Henry John 4th Baron, aged 59 years, in hospital. Much loved husband of Dorinda. Funeral strictly private. No flowers or letters by his request. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DURSTON - On Friday 8th January 1993, peacefully at Portland Hospital, Dorset. James Hardy John Durston F.R.C.P., aged 57, after a long and distressing illness faced with great courage. Loved husband of Valerie, only son of Cecil and the late Grace Durston and brother of Judy Mepham and Jane Taylor. Previously Consultant Neurologist at The Royal Free Hospital, London, The Lister Hospital, Stevenage and St Albans City Hospital. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Southwell, Portland, on Friday 15th January at 11.30 am followed by interment. Family flowers only. Donations in his memory to Trimar Christian Hospice Trust, PO Box 1402, Dorchester DT1 2YH or PAWS, Animal Welfare Service, 19 Cedar Drive, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset. R.I.P.

FOWLER - Grace (née Mendham), widow of Ernest late of Mitchells Farm, and mother of Margaret, John and Richard, peacefully on 9th January 1993, aged 87. Funeral at Chelmsford Crematorium, on the Writtle Road, at 10.30 am Friday 15th January, to which all her friends are invited. No flowers, please. Donations to League of Friends of Ongar War Memorial Hospital, Ongar, Essex. CM5 0AL.

GRAESSER - On January 8th, peacefully at home in Painswick, Gloucestershire, after a long illness, Colonel Sir Alastair S.D. Graesser D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., D.L., aged 77. A much loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Private cremation. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Saturday February 6th at 12 noon. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to Alzheimer's Disease Society at the Memorial Service collection or 158/160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

GREEN - On January 10th 1993, peacefully, Maurice Sydney. Beloved by Hazel, Jonathan, Mary and Stephen. Cremation Torquay on Saturday January 16th at 9.30 am. No flowers. Any donations for Kendal Society of Friends (Quakers) Meeting House Restoration Appeal to Hazel, 10 Castle Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NU.

HARBORD-HAMMONDS - On January 10th, at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, as the result of a tragic accident. The Honourable Penelope Mary, much loved sister, sister-in-law and aunt. Private cremation Tuesday January 19th followed by Service of Remembrance at Southrepps Church, near Cromer 3pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Injured Jockeys Fund.

HARDING - David Charles, on January 6th peacefully at home in Ealing, after a long illness borne with great fortitude. Beloved husband of Jane and loved brother of Christine and Violet and uncle of Julia. For many years in the London hotel world, he also organised tours to help charities, hiring The Flying Scotsman, latterly he created the Dickens Coach Drive, followed by readings from 'A Christmas Carol'. Mass at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, W5, 20th January at 11.15 am, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium at 12.30 pm. Donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, 158 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

HARRIS - On January 7th 1993, suddenly but peacefully after a long and painful illness at his home in Nottingham, Nathan Leonard Harris T.D., aged 62 years. Steadfast, devoted, loyal and much loved husband of Sheila. Father of Marcus and Louise; brother of Michael. Always in our hearts. Funeral service on Wednesday January 13th 1993 at 2.45 pm to be held at Wilford Hill Cemetery, Loughborough Road, Nottingham. Strictly no flowers.

HERTZBERG - On January 11th 1993, peacefully, at the St John's and St Elizabeth's Hospital, Arnold, beloved husband of the late Sylvia (née Landman) and devoted father of Desmond and Elizabeth (Sloam). Grandfather to Jerome, Benjamin, Alexander, Joanna, Natalie and Oliver. Deeply mourned and sadly missed.

JOSLING - On January 7th 1993, suddenly but peacefully at his home at Fairlight, East Sussex, John Francis, Solicitor and Author, aged 82 years. A dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Monday January 18th, cremation at Hastings Crematorium, The Ridge, Hastings, at 12 noon followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Fairlight at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Hastings Voluntary Association for the Blind c/o Hinkley Funeral Service, 50 Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, East Sussex.

KEYES - On January 10th, suddenly and peacefully, Elizabeth Mary, well loved youngest daughter of the late Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Keyes. Funeral details from Hastings & Sons (0296) 713341.

LEWIS - The Reverend John Lewis, formerly Vicar of St Giles, Cambridge, and of St Annes, Highgate, died peacefully in his sleep at home on 9th January 1993, after a short illness, aged 82 years. Requiem at St Marys, Keysoe, Bedfordshire, at 11.30 am on Wednesday 13th January followed by interment at All Saints, Riseley, Bedfordshire. No flowers please, but donations to The League of Friends of Papworth Hospital, may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service, 48 Roff Avenue, Bedford, MK41 7TE. tel: (0234) 359829.

LEWIS - H.P.M. Milford Hall, Newtown. Peacefully on 11th January 1993. Private family funeral. Memorial Service on 30th January. Donations to: Llanllwchaiarn Church or Newtown Textile Museum.

LIDDELL - On 8th January peacefully in London aged 85 Dorothy Mary (Molly) Liddell, O.B.E. of West Clandon, Surrey, widow of Richard Grainger Liddell. Funeral Mass at St William of York Catholic Church, Send, Woking, Surrey at 11 am on Friday 15th January. Flowers from family only please but donations in lieu for CAFOD or Christian Aid may be sent to Funeral Directors R. Walker, Parkside, The Street, West Clandon, Surrey. 0483-222421. R.I.P.

LIDDIARD - Richard England, CBE., on 10th January, in hospital aged 75. Dearest and devoted husband of Connie, father of Michael, Susan, Diana and Penny and grandfather of nine. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Roehampton Vale, at 10.45 am, 15th January. Family and close friends only. Family flowers only. Memorial Service at a later date.

LLOYD - See Drummond.

LOW - On 8th January, peacefully at Westacre Nursing Home, Winchester, Cynthia. Much loved wife of Tim and mother of Nicholas and Peregrine. Service at Southampton Crematorium on Monday 18th January at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wessex Childrens' Hospice Trust, c/o Jno Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester.

MacINNES - On January 4th, tragically, Alasdair William Liddell, much loved father of Calum and proud grandfather to Robbie and Poppy. Funeral at 2 pm on Friday January 15th at St Luke's Church, Ramsden Road, Clapham. Flowers to E.A. Godfrey, 7 Station Parade, SW12 9AZ, or donations to Cameron Hldrs Regt Assn.

MACKENZIE - On January 8th, Sir Alexander George Anthony Allan (Tony) 4th Baronet of Glenmuick, Aberdeenshire. Husband of Marjorie, father of Katherine; Elaine, Linda and Margaret (deceased) and grandfather. Cremation took place January 10th in Oliver, British Columbia.

MARSHALL - On January 9th 1993, peacefully but suddenly at Halifax General Hospital, Ronald, aged 87 years, of Victoria Avenue, Halifax, dear brother-in-law of Doris and Albert, dearest uncle of Diana and Irene and great-uncle of David and Michelle. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral Service to be held on Wednesday January 20th, 11.15 am at St Hilda's Church, Gibraltar Road, Halifax, followed by cremation at Park Wood. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu for British Heart Foundation, c/o Lawrance Funeral Service, Green Hayes Bell Hall, Halifax, W. Yorks., HX1 2XR.

McKELVIE - On 10th January, peacefully at Salcombe Place, Koomy, beloved wife of the late John McKelvie. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday 18th January at 10.40 am. Flowers and enquiries to J & R Matthews, High Street, Cuckfield, Sussex tel: (0444) 441515.

METCALF - On January 10th 1993 at Newbury, Colonel John Metcalf O.B.E., late of The Royal Berkshire Regiment. Much loved husband of Ricky, father of Simon, Oliver and Deborah and grandfather of Louise, Camilla, Ben, Alexandra and Sam. Funeral Service at St Michael's and All Angels, Enborne, near Newbury, on Saturday January 16th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations to Radiotherapy Department, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

MORGAN - Dewi, former Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 8th, peacefully at Dulwich Hospital. Beloved husband of Doris, father of Norna and Betty and grandfather of Miranda, Rachel, Anna, Rebecca and Ruth. Funeral Service at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Friday January 15th at 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Parkinsons Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, WC1. Memorial Service to be announced later.

ORGILL - On 9th January, peacefully, Major James Codrington late 14th Punjab Regt. and Nyasaland Colonial Service. Beloved husband of Moyra and much loved father of Margaret-Anne, Jacqueline and Tracey and brother of Elizabeth. Private service and cremation on 18th January. Please no flowers. Donations, if wished, to Gretton Trust Fund Delancey Hospital, Charlton Lane, Cheltenham, GL53 9DU.

OWTRAM - On Sunday 10th January 1993, peacefully at his home Newland Hall, Lancaster, Col. H. Cary Owtram O.B.E., T.D., D.L., aged 93 years, the dearly beloved husband of Sally, father of Pat, Jean and Bob. The funeral at St Mark's Church, Dolphinholme, on Saturday 16th January at 11.30 am. Flowers to Newland Hall. Arrangements: Preston Ireland Bowker, 208 Queen Street, Lancaster, tel: (0524) 64023.

PEARSON-ROGERS - Frances Mary. On January 8th 1993, tragically. Loving wife of the late Group Captain Henry William Pearson-Rogers C.B.E.; dearly loved Mum of Ruth and Simon and dear grandma of Matthew. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium on Saturday January 16th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research can be sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Directors, 317 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2AB.

RABY - Jocelyn Elizabeth (née Cowan), wife of John Raby, suddenly on January 2nd aged 62 years. Funeral at Blackfriars, St Giles, Oxford, Friday 15th January at 1pm. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Service, 2 Hendred Street, Cowley, Oxford.

RUDÉ - On 8th January, peacefully in hospital, Emeritus Professor George Frederick Elliot Rudé, dearly loved husband of Doreen. Funeral Service, Hastings Crematorium, Thursday 14th January, 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Battle Hospital.

SELLERS - Professor Kenneth Charles, PhD(Cantab), BSc(London), MRCVS, DVSM. On January 9th peacefully in hospital. Donations, if desired, to UNICEF, c/o Mrs S.E. Pittams, 27 Well Lane, Stock, Essex, CM4 9LZ. Memorial Service to be announced later.

SENIOR - On 10th January, David, Vicar of Helmsley and Canon of York. Requiem Mass at 9.30 am. Funeral Service at 1.30 pm, on Friday 15th January at Helmsley Parish Church. Clergy invited to robe. Family flowers only: donations, if desired, to Mrs Josephine Jackson, Marie Curie Cancer Care, 17a Stonegate Road, Leeds, LS6 4HZ. Retiring collections will be shared equally between Helmsley Parish Church and the Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign.

SMALLES - Evelyn Mabel (MO). On January 7th 1993 at Masterton, New Zealand, loved wife of the late George and loved mother and mother-in-law of Elizabeth, Roger and Leslie, and Kate. Loved nan of Mason, Johnathan, Sarah and Amy. A private Family Service was held in Masterton on Friday January 8th 1993. Messages to 36 Cooper Street, Masterton, New Zealand.

SMORZEWSKI - On January 8th 1993, peacefully in Nottingham after a long illness, Pamela Jean, aged 57, beloved wife of the late George, loving mother of Alex and dear sister of Joy Steele. (Dr. P.J. Hawthorn formerly of Manchester University and first Director of the Nursing Studies Unit, Queens Medical Centre, University of Nottingham 1981-88). Thanksgiving Service at St Giles Church, West Bridgford, on Friday January 15th at 1.45 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to St Ann's Hospice, Cheadle Appeals Office, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GP. Any correspondence to Mrs Joy Steele, c/o A.W. Lymn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham NG3 1GF.

STEPHENSON - Anita in Cheltenham on January 7th aged 88 years. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium. Enquiries to Mason & Stokes (0242) 224877.

STILL - On January 8th 1993, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. F.W. (John) aged 78, beloved husband of the late Heather Mary and dear father of Sally, Jennifer, Graeme and Charles and much loved grandfather to his five grandchildren. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Friday January 15th at 1 pm. Flowers to G.M. Luff, 84 Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1JH. His favourite charity was the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

THOMAS - On January 9th, suddenly, at home in Upper Swell, Nigel Sheridan Thomas, aged 44 years, beloved husband of Pauline and father of Sheridan and Charlotte. Funeral details c/o W.J. Wright (0451) 831829. Donations, if desired, to: MENO, Winchcombe House, Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 2NA.

VESEY - On Saturday 9th January 1993, at Hazelhurst Nursing Home, Herefordshire, Mary Vesey aged 84. Very much loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral at St Petroc's Church, South Brent, Devonshire, on Friday 15th January at 2 pm.

WALDRON - On January 11th 1993, Margaret Constance, peacefully at Nuffield, Exeter. Beloved wife of Francis, greatly loved mother of Brind, Alexandra and Rosemary and dearest grandmother. Memorial Service at 12 noon at Stockland Parish Church, near Honiton, Devon, on Friday January 15th. Family flowers only please, if desired, donations may be sent for Christian Aid, c/o W.G. Potter Funerals, William Potter House, 1 West Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5NS.

WHITE - On 9th January in Sutton Manor Nursing Home, near Stockbridge, peacefully after a long illness, Gill - widow of Major General 'Nap' White - formerly of Little Langley, Chobham: much loved mother of Patrick Brooking and John and James White, stepmother of Janie Stanhouse. Funeral Thursday 14th January at 2.30 pm at St Lawrence Church, Chobham. Flowers may be sent to P. Boast & Son, 36 Eastworth Road, Chertsey.

WILLIAMS - On January 8th 1993 at St Francis Nursing Home, Bocking, Bertha, in her 103rd year. Widow of Frederick H, dear mother of Gordon and Alison, grandmother of Susan and great-grandmother of Alex and Fripp. Last surviving child of the Reverend C.J. Gordon. Memorial Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Bocking, Essex, on Thursday January 14th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired may be sent to St Francis Nursing Home, Bocking, Braintree, Essex.

WOOD - On Sunday January 10th, at her home in Colwall, Marjorie Bourne Hill, aged 88 years. Beloved wife of the late Brian Frank, dear mother of Richard and James and adored grandmother of Robert, Alison, Susan, Simon, Jonathan, Benjamin and Thomas. A Thanksgiving Service will take place at the Church of St James the Great, Colwall, on Wednesday January 20th at 12.30 pm. Private cremation will have taken place. Family flowers only, but donations for Christian Aid would be appreciated. Enquiries to B. Hawcutt, F.D., Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire, telephone: (0531) 632084.

MARRIAGES

KELLY:CECIL-SMITH - On 9th January 1993 at St Mary's Parish Church, Wanstead, London, Miles Colville, son of Mr & Mrs J.C. Kelly of Sotogrande, Cadiz, Spain, to Fiona, daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Cecil-Smith of Wanstead, London.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARCHIBALD - Lady Catherine E.M. Law; widow of George, Baron Archibald; youngest and last surviving child of Andrew Bonar Law; who died in Lancaster, New Hampshire, USA, on September 18th 1992. A Memorial Service will be held at the Church of Old St Pancras, St Pancras Road, London, NW1, on Sunday January 24th 1993 at 3.30pm.

ASHBY - A Memorial Service for Eric Ashby (Lord Ashby of Brandon) FRS, DSc, DIC, Master of Clare College, Cambridge, 1958-1975, will be held on Saturday 6th February 1993 at 2.30 pm in Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge.

BAIRD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Major George Henry William Baird will be held at St Nicholas' Church, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on Monday 1st February at 12 noon.

BLACKWOOD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Professor Henry (Harry) Blackwood, formerly of Royal Dental Hospital, will be held in the Orange Street Congregational Church, Orange Street, WC2, on Tuesday 19th January 1993 at 11.30 am.

CANADINE - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Sybil Canadine will be held at 11.30am on Saturday 23rd January at Christ Church Cheltenham.

SPRINGMAN - A memorial service will be held for Paul Springman on Tuesday 26th January 1993 at St George's, Hanover Square at 12 noon.

STOTT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Roland Nigel Stott will be held at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday 22nd January 1993 at 12.30 pm.

LEGAL NOTICES

CROWBOROUGH TIMBER SUPPLIES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 28 February 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, Robert Stephen Palmer of Gallagher & Co., PO Box 698, 2nd Floor, Titchfield House, 69/85 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4RR, the Liquidator of the said company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distributions made before such debts are proved.
Dated 4.1.93
R.S. Palmer, (Liquidator)

In the Matter of Kosmos Book Distributors Ltd
And in the Matter of the Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, we, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU and Patrick Walter John Hartigan, of Booth White, NEM House, 3/5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 7HG give notice that on 22 December 1992 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of Kosmos Book Distributors Ltd by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 19 February 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the Joint Liquidators of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated 7 January 1993
M J Carter, Joint Liquidator.

ALL THAT JAZZ LTD.
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA and Philip Monjack, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Wednesday, 6th January, 1993 by Barclays Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture Incorporating A Fixed and Floating Charge dated 28th December, 1984.
Dated the 6th day of January 1993
S.D.Swaden, FCA
and P. Monjack, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

CRESTHAYES LTD.
DAMSONBUSH LTD.
SHIPALKIE LTD.
WAVENDOWN LTD.
SCANDPORTS SHIPPING LTD.
ANGLO CHEMICAL COMMODITIES LTD.
(All in Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 22 December 1992 the above companies were placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to Martin Fishman, c/o Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 22 February 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 22 March 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 22 February 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 4th January 1993
M. Fishman, Liquidator.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
BLUETT & SONS LIMITED
Registered number: 946518. Nature of business: Oriental Antique Dealership. Trade classification: 22. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 December 1992. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers Peter James Yeldon and Peter George Mills (office holder nos. 7283 and 7948). Address No 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

MICRO EMBOSSING TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
Company Number: 2435601
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Devil's Punch Bowl Hotel, London Road, Hindhead, GU26 6AG on 29 January 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee.
Mr D B Cowley of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5EH is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5EH not later than 12 noon on 28 January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Graham Ridout, Director.
Date: 5 January 1993

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO SEND CLAIMS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BEROLINA TRAVEL LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 1 day of February 1993 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to T H Harris of CORK GULLY, at St Andrews House, 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 6 day of February 1993
T H Harris, Liquidator.

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OBITUARIES

SIR PAUL HASLUCK

Sir Paul Hasluck, KG, GCMG, GCVO, PC, Governor-General of Australia, 1969-74, died in Perth, Western Australia, on January 9 aged 87. He was born on April 1, 1905.



IN JANUARY 1968 Paul Hasluck almost became prime minister of Australia: After the accidental drowning of Harold Holt he failed by only five votes to be elected leader of the Liberal Party and therefore prime minister. It was, perhaps, a failure which changed the course of Australia's political history. As Gough Whitlam told a farewell parliamentary dinner for the retiring Governor-General in July 1974, Hasluck would have been his "most formidable opponent" and Labour "might not have won" the 1972 election (which made Whitlam himself prime minister). At that dinner Whitlam said "there has not been a proconsul of more diverse attainment since Cicero". Hasluck declined Whitlam's request that he extend his term as Governor-General and was succeed by Sir John Kerr who later dismissed the Whitlam government.

Paul Hasluck was, at various times in his life, a journalist, poet, historian, career diplomat, politician and vice-regal representative. But he eschewed the politicking which would almost certainly have made him a prime minister. "I am available if the party wants me," he announced as five other Liberal contenders began lobbying to succeed Holt, and he added: "If it does not, I am not a particularly ambitious man".

Hasluck hardly canvassed his colleagues and did no deals, and John Gorton became Liberal prime minister. It was the same in 1966, after the retirement of Sir Robert Menzies, when William McMahon beat Hasluck for the Liberal party's deputy leadership by four votes. On both occasions Menzies supported the candidature of a man he much admired.

Hasluck had a fine mind which he used conscientiously in the service of Australia, and he brought his strong moral convictions into public life. He was respected on both sides of Parliament, where his rectitude could also be infuriating. In the early hours one morning in 1964 even Whitlam threw a glass of water over Hasluck, then minister for external affairs.

As minister from 1964 to 1969 Hasluck was faced with formulating Australia's foreign policy during a critical period as Britain reduced her military strength in the Far East. He was a firm believer in the need to contain the spread of communism in Asia and criticised lack of interest in the region by the Western powers as "isolation in its most reckless form".

Hasluck worked hard in 1968 to ensure that Gorton did not follow the British example, arguing that Australia could not ignore "the great hopes, the rising nationalism, the great crises in Asia."

He strongly supported Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war. He encouraged the United States to prolong its own involvement, speaking out in 1968 against any unilateral decision to stop the bombing of North Vietnam. He warned that "the Americans must not forget that terrible Peking" and he saw the North Vietnamese as "Peking's puppets".

For a short period, 1963-64, Hasluck had been minister for defence. But his greatest service to Australia may have been as minister for territories from 1951 to 1963. This very long period enabled him to prepare Papua New Guinea for the independence which Whitlam thrust upon it in 1975. Hasluck had not expected such speed, but the new nation's stability owed much to his insistence that its tribes and regions, despite their differences, be developed at the same pace. In 1976 he recalled this stewardship in his book *A Time for Building*.

Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck was born into a Salvation Army family in Perth, Western Australia. His second name was an aboriginal one handed down by his grandfather who liked the sound of it while Caedwalla harked back to his Welsh ancestors. He went to Perth Modern School and, after graduating from the University of Western Australia, he joined *The West Australian* newspaper, then became a university lecturer in history, and in 1941 joined the Department of External Affairs. In 1942 he published *Black Australians*, a perceptive study of Aborigines.

In 1946 he became head of Australia's mission to the United Nations in New York. But, unable to work with his difficult minister, Dr Evatt, he resigned and returned to the university, writing two volumes of Australia's official war history In 1949 he entered the federal parliament for Curtin, Western Australia. In 1977 he published *Mucking About*, an autobiography.

He leaves his widow, Dame Alexandra Hasluck, the writer, and a son.

PROFESSOR R. P. WINNINGTON-INGRAM

Professor R. P. Winnington-Ingram, FBA, Professor of Greek Language and Literature in the University of London, 1953-71, died on January 3 aged 88. He was perhaps the greatest living interpreter of ancient Greek tragedy. He was born on January 22, 1904.

ALTHOUGH his field was narrower than that of a Gilbert Murray or Maurice Bowra, Reginald Pepys Winnington-Ingram made, in the years after the war, a large contribution to the understanding of the three great Greek dramatists. He will be remembered in particular for his exposition, towards the end of his life, of the stark universe of Sophocles: a stage on which neither simple piety towards the gods nor worship of the human hero offers any refuge from tragedy.

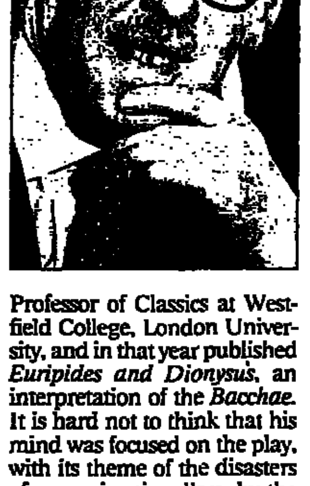
He was born into a family accustomed to high office. His father was a rear-admiral and his uncle was Bishop of London. Though brought up in a conventional, Christian atmosphere, he kept an independence of mind that marked both his life and his critical work.

After attending Clifton College he was a scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge. He got a first in both parts of the Classical tripos, was Waddington Scholar in 1924 and Charles Oldham Classical Scholar in 1926.

He began his academic career as assistant lecturer and then lecturer at Manchester University in the period from 1928 to 1933. His long association with London University began in 1934, when, at the age of 30, he was appointed Reader in Classics at Birkbeck College. Soon after the outbreak of the war, like other distinguished academics, his abilities were put to use as a temporary civil servant in the Ministry of Labour. He was made Assistant-Secretary in 1944.

In these early years he showed his individualism as a scholar, combining learning with a love of music to probe the esoteric subject of Greek music. Despite the efforts of classicists, musicians, acousticians and anthropologists, the evidence is too meagre to reproduce the melodies which Plato recommended. The lyres are dumb. In 1936 he published a book, *Mode in Ancient Greek Music*, which, without advancing any revolutionary new theory, set out, in a highly technical way, to re-examine the evidence. His conclusions, that the harmoniai were modal but did not form part of a logical scale system, may not seem startling. But in such ticklish matters of scholarship, as one critic put it, "a few minnows in a creel serve the purposes of truth better than a fine trout which was never landed".

In 1948 he was made



Professor of Classics at Westfield College, London University, and in that year published *Euripides and Dionysus*, an interpretation of the *Bacchae*. It is hard not to think that his mind was focused on the play, with its theme of the disasters of group irrationalism, by the shocking events of the war. Some way ahead of its time, the book sank like a stone. Nowadays, it resurfaces in every undergraduate essay on the play.

Five years later, in 1953, he was made Professor of Greek at King's, and from 1959 to 1962 he was president of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies. His quiet efficiency as director of the London Institute of Classical Studies, from 1964 to 1967, earned him the devotion of the staff. In choosing among candidates for graduate research, he showed a typical mild heteredoxy, sometimes preferring an exuberant Greek with potential to the standard issue Oxbridge graduate.

It was not until nine years after he had ceased to hold the chair at King's, in 1980, that he produced his magisterial interpretation of Sophocles. Though some of the material had been published before, much of it was new, and astonishingly up-to-date from a scholar of 76. It was the end-product of a lifetime's study and thought. Winnington-Ingram's searching analysis put Sophocles closer to Aeschylus than to Euripides. Not interested in the intellectual novelties of the last decades of the fifth century so much as in pollution, the Furies, blood-curse and fate, Sophocles was the last exponent of the archaic world view: of the simultaneous greatness and frailty of man.

This was followed, in 1983, by *Studies in Aeschylus*, mainly a collection of previously published articles. In both works his distinctive ability was to move from minute textual analysis, particularly of choral lyric, to deep meditation on the thought of the ancient tragedians.

An impressive figure to meet, he remained modest and witty. In his later years he dealt with great composure with very unhappy domestic circumstances; both in his life and in his criticism he was able to confront extremely difficult issues without the easy comfort of sentimentality.

In 1938 he married Mary Cousins: she predeceased him.

PREBENDARY DEWI MORGAN

Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1962-84 and Prebendary Emeritus of St Paul's Cathedral since 1984, died on January 8 aged 76. He was born on February 5, 1916.

THE journalists' parson was a title that Dewi Morgan always rejoiced in. With a solid background in print himself — he was for 12 years associate editor of *Church Illustrated* — he soon proved an inspired choice as the incumbent of the newspaper world's own parish church in Fleet Street.

St Bride's had been rebuilt after wartime bombing under the rectorship of his predecessor, the Rev Cyril M. Armitage. It fell, however, to Dewi Morgan, with the help of the Beaverbrook family, to refurbish the crypt, where an exhibition of the history of printing remains on permanent display. Living next door to the church, Morgan — with his beard and his cloak — rapidly became a well known Fleet Street figure. He was occasionally heard to complain that it was very difficult for him to go out even to buy a newspaper without being waylaid by someone wanting to talk to him.

The truth, however, was that Morgan was the most gregarious and sociable of men, resolutely maintaining an open door policy at his office adjoining the crypt. He was a counsellor and dispenser of advice to a multitude of Fleet Street figures ranging from newspaper proprietors (he was particularly close to Sir Max Aitken) to sub-editors and compositors. A prolific author, he wrote the history of St Bride's under the title *The Phoenix of Fleet Street* (1973), as well as contributing for some years a regular column to the old *Evening News*.

Even when it was at the centre of the old parish of ink, St Bride's always had to rely on an eclectic congregation for its Sunday services. Morgan, though, preserved the high standards of music set by his predecessor and was himself an eloquent, extempore preacher. But he had strong views on the length of sermons and, even more, on the proper duration of memorial services. The former, he thought, especially if delivered by a layman, should never be more than six minutes, while he deplored the current fashion for the latter to last for an hour or more (his own ideal length was half-an-hour).

A product of the Church in Wales — all his three curacies were served in the principality — Morgan retained a certain Welsh *hwyl* almost to the end. The years of his retirement were clouded by ill health but that did not prevent him from producing a final book, *Where Belonging Begins*, in 1988. He is survived by his wife Doris, always a powerful help to him in his work at St Bride's, and by two daughters.

IN THE obituary of Richard Tompkins (December 9) it was stated: "He is survived by his second wife, Elizabeth, and three daughters." In fact, Mr Tompkins is survived by both his first and second wives, the former of whom bore him two daughters, and the latter, one.

TEL: 071 481 4000 **PERSONAL COLUMN** FAX: 071 481 9313

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers MLE LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership) Registered Number: 1094391. Nature of Business: Food Wholesaler. Trade classification: 12. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 24th November 1992. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc. Name & Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman FCA & Simon Geoffrey Paterson MIPA Booth White 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4QR. Office Holder Numbers: 6712 & 6856 respectively. Colin George Wiseman & Simon Geoffrey Paterson Joint Administrative Receivers.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS LAPSANA LIMITED Company Number: 1200675 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of the said Act that, on 29 December 1992 Paul M Davis and David H Gilbert office holder numbers 007805 and 002376 respectively, of Levy Gee and Partners, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company by Lloyds Bank plc pursuant to a Debenture, dated 29 April 1982, conferring Fixed and Floating Charges over the Assets and undertaking of the Company.

No 0010942 of 1992 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF LITHOPAK LIMITED - and - IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated Wednesday the 25th day of November 1992 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £1,500,000 to £59,563 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 18th day of December 1992. A copy of the said Order will be furnished to such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED 11th of January 1993 Messrs Actons. 2 King Street, Nottingham NG1 2AX Solicitors Ref: CPB

No 0010943 of 1992 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF LORIVAL PLASTICS LIMITED - and - IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated Wednesday the 25th day of November 1992 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £8,000,000 to £100,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 18th day of December 1992. A copy of the said Order will be furnished to such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED 11th of January 1993 Messrs Actons. 2 King Street, Nottingham NG1 2AX Solicitors Ref: CPB

H.M. LAND REGISTRY LOST CERTIFICATES It is proposed to issue a new Certificate to replace the one described below that is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issue of a new one should at once notify H.M. Land Registry, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PH. CHARGE CERTIFICATE. LEASEHOLD TITLE NGL636044 PROPERTY 11 QUEEN STREET, WESTMINSTER. PROPRIETOR: LANGHAVEN HOLDINGS PLC of 39 SOUTH STREET W1Y 5PD PROPRIETOR OF CHARGE: THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC of 9 Pall Mall, London SW1 5LX.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers PAUL HUXFORD (LIMOUSINES) LIMITED Registered number: 643236. Nature of business: Vehicle Hire. Trade classification: 6/28. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 December 1992. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter James Yeldon and Peter George Mills (office holder nos: 7283 and 7948. Address No 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS.

RSKA PROPERTY (UK) LIMITED (In Members Voluntary Liquidation) NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 30 December 1992 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members. The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 5 March 1993. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(5) that on 2 April 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 5 March 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full. Dated 8th January 1993 M FISHMAN, Liquidator.

ROTHER CAMERAS LTD. Trading As SONIC FOTO CENTER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated the 5th day of January 1993. Jeremy Rother, Director.

Sporting Trophies Exhibitions Ltd NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 26th January 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated this 7th January 1993 Lord Anthony Burghersh, Director.

The G.D.M. Partnership Limited - In Administrative Receivership - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF on 21 January 1993 at 12.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented. Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co., not later than 12.00 hrs on 20 January 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. K.D. Goodman, FCA, Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver Lomagol Limited (formerly Programme Sales International Limited) Registered number 2667583. Nature of business: Sale of television, video and other programmes. Trade classification: 32. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4/1/93. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Victor Lomas and Alan John Barrett (office holder nos: 7240 and 1098). Address: Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver Henry Jones Construction Limited Registered number: 00594496. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 January 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Gordon Iain Bennett, David John Blenkarn and Peter Sheldon Padmore (office holder nos: 6706, 6676 and 5600) Address The Quay 30 Channel Way Ocean Village Southampton Hampshire SO1 1XF.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver Lomacorp Limited (formerly Cheerleader Productions Limited) Registered number: 1607381. Nature of business: Production and sale of television, video and other programmes. Trade classification: 32. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4/1/93. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Victor Lomas and Alan John Barrett (office holder nos: 7240 and 1098). Address: Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

The Insolvency Act 1986 THE WORKING MEDIA COMPANY LIMITED (In Liquidation) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that A J D Bakonyvari of A W Mudd & Co., Audit House, 151 High Street, Billericay, Essex was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 30th December 1992. Dated this 7th day of January 1993. AJD Bakonyvari, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION Charity - Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY-213280-A/2-CD-L4n3.

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividends were declared: ORDINARY SHARES A final quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares in respect of the year 1992, payable on January 28, 1993, to holders of record at the close of business on December 24, 1992. PREFERENCE SHARES A final semi-annual dividend of $0.02 per Canadian Dollar Preference Share and 2/8 pence per Sterling Preference Share in respect of the outstanding Preference Shares in respect of the year 1992, payable on January 28, 1993, to holders of record at the close of business on December 24, 1992. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD, D.J. DEBBAN, VICE-PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, MONTREAL, DEC. 14, 1992.

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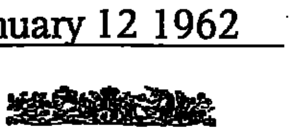
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Peter Sellers was at his most subtle as the Welsh librarian in this adaptation of the novel by Kingsley Amis.

Peter Sellers as a Kingsley Amis Hero

From Our Film Critic

Columbia and Odeon, Marble Arch: *Only Two Can Play*

Only Two Can Play, produced by Mr. Leslie and directed by Mr. Sidney Gilliat, derives from the novel *That Uncertain Feeling* by Mr. Kingsley Amis. There are differences in plot and emphasis, as there always are between book and film, but something of the atmosphere of the original, to say nothing of the brash iconoclasm of style and purpose, has survived the translation from one medium to another.

At any rate, there on the screen from the beginning is John Lewis, a Welsh librarian, living with his wife and children in cramped lodgings and on insufficient pay. But Lewis is not a tragic nor even a pathetic character. He has the humour to see himself for what he is and to be wryly amused at the sight and, what is more, there is a hint of the pagan Pan about him, as there was about the earlier creations of Mr. Charles Chaplin. If women afford the only possible line of escape from an intolerable existence, then women it will have to be.

There is here much of the material to be found in the normal run of British film comedies, and the class and money consciousness which runs through them is also conspicuously present. The prying landlady is a conventional figure of farce, and surely Mrs. Davies is just such a one — but then it becomes apparent that that is precisely what Mrs. Davies, as Miss Maudie Edwards plays her, is not. She is a particular Welsh landlady living in a particular terrace house in a particular Welsh town.

There are touches of exaggeration and caricature of course, and the insistence on lavatory and plumbing jokes becomes difficult to bear, but a proportion at any rate of the laughs come from felicities of dialogue and the demonstration of character in action.

On Mr. Peter Sellers, as Lewis, the brunt of the responsibility falls, and his ingenuity and inventiveness do not fail him. Lewis may be a little out of his social depths when he is taken up by the wealthy Mrs. Gruffyd-Williams (Miss Mai Zetterling), who represents both temptation and opportunity — her husband is chairman of the Library committee — but he knows how to keep his end up. He is, indeed, capable of flashes of sophistication which at the time startle but which are justified since they are an integral part of the personality Mr. Sellers builds up.

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US threatens to attack Iraq

■ American forces will act without warning against President Saddam Hussein if he continues to flout United Nations resolutions, the White House said last night after Iraq's second incursion over the Kuwaiti border in two days.

"It is clear that the raid on Kuwait shows that Saddam is trying to cheat wherever possible," Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said. "We will demand compliance. Whatever actions are necessary will not be accompanied by warnings" Pages 1,13

BA apologises to Branson

■ British Airways apologised "unreservedly" and agreed to pay £610,000 libel damages to Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, bringing to an end one of the most extraordinary disputes in aviation history Pages 1,3

Bosnia boost

John Major has summoned members of the cabinet overseas and defence committee for a meeting expected to approve the deployment of reinforcements to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, has cancelled a Far East trip to attend the talks Pages 1,12

Bomber "panicked"

An IRA terrorist panicked after priming a bomb in the lavatory of a London burger restaurant and making his way through the streets of the capital to plant it, a court was told. It was alleged that police watched James Canning, 37, from the moment he left home with the bomb in his briefcase Page 2

Storms persist

High winds laced with sleet and snow will lash much of the country again today as the lowest pressure system recorded off the British Isles continues to cause havoc inland and peril on the seas Page 3

Alzheimer clue

A discovery by British scientists that the brain's efforts to grow new cells as it ages is directly linked to the onset of Alzheimer's disease is being claimed as a key step towards finding a cure for one of the western world's most devastating diseases Page 5

Veterans' outcry

Australian war veterans and historians have angrily rejected newly released War Office papers blaming the cowardice of Australian soldiers for the fall of Singapore in 1942 Page 5

Fighting reforms

Evidence is emerging in South Africa of a disturbing growth in the surreptitious acquisition of arms by hardline rightwing extremists opposed to the implacable march of constitutional change in the country Page 10

Loyalist campaign

Members of the Gaelic Athletic Association are to be targeted for attack by Loyalist paramilitaries intent on matching IRA violence in 1993 Page 7

Bombay clampdown

Large contingents of troops and paramilitary forces took up positions in Bombay as the death toll in six days of rioting reached 167. Round-the-clock curfews were imposed in several Muslim areas Page 13

Clinton backtrack

Leon Panetta, Bill Clinton's nominee as budget director, faced Senate confirmation hearings as congressional Democrats started to help the president-elect backtrack from an election campaign pledge to cut middle-class taxes Page 9

German peace role

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, urged Germany to play a greater UN role, insisting that he would like to see German troops take part in peacekeeping and peace enforcement Page 12

Working out, now the party's over

■ The Christmas decorations have come down, new year resolutions have been made and business is booming for slimming groups and health centres after the excesses of food and drink last month. Weight Watchers says that since January 1 it has received double the number of enquiries compared with an ordinary month Page 7



Lucky escape: Coubal, an otter rescued in the Shetland Islands three hours after the oil tanker *Bruer* foundered on rocks. Page 3

Protest vote: Small shareholders forced a vote on the reappointment of Touche Ross as auditors to construction group Trafalgar House after 1991 profits were restated from £122 million to just under £20 million Page 21

"Troc" stopped: The Trocadero shopping centre in London's West End has called in receivers with debts of £175 million Page 23

Market fall: Share prices on the London stock market fell 25.8 to 2,7773.4 with investors becoming cautious about the outlook for the economy and worried by the prospect of a large number of companies asking shareholders for extra funds Page 24

No play: England's tour programme was in confusion as Indian cricket authorities cancelled the first one-day international, scheduled in Ahmedabad on Saturday, because of sectarian violence in the region. A decision on a new date is expected today Page 40

Some chance: Katarina Witt, the Olympic ice skating champion in 1984 and 1988, has been left so far behind technically by the modern generation that her chances of gaining a third medal next year are non-existent Page 36

Put off: Gale-force winds forced Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake to postpone the launching of ENZA New Zealand, the 85ft catamaran in which they hope to break the round-the-world record of 109 days this year Page 38

Digging deep: Polls show that the popularity of the press is at an all-time low. One target is trespass, but such methods have on occasion been crucial to investigations in the public interest Page 14

Stretch appeal: "See one of these cars? People crane their necks — they think Madonna's going to get out." Rosie Millard on stretch Cadillacs Page 14

Minding the healers: A doctor requires at least five years' training before he can look down a patient's throat, but a person who wishes to dabble in other people's emotional lives needs none Page 15

Mime time: The forthcoming 15th London International Mime Festival offers evidence that British clowns and mime artists are increasingly prepared to cast off national inhibitions Page 33

Yes to Janáček: Andrew Davis, chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, talks about this weekend's festival of events at the Barbican, celebrating the life and work of Leos Janáček Page 33

Who will lead the dance? John Percival reports that the major London-based dance companies are facing an artistic vacuum after the resignations of top directors and the death of choreographer Sir Kenneth MacMillan Page 35

Old rivalries: Male against female, London against the regions, legal aid against private practice — the law has become a deeply divided profession. This year the cracks will widen even further, and the result could be the final collapse of the community of interest that the profession has always sought to sustain Page 27

Young victims: Allan Levy, QC, says Britain is failing to meet its international obligations and protect child refugees seeking asylum here Page 29

Best choice: A commission is unlikely to be better at picking judges than the Lord Chancellor, Sir Frederick Lawton says Page 30



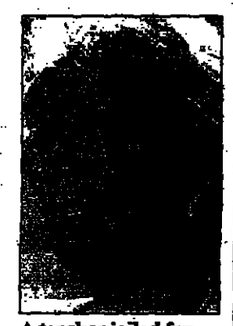
Israeli judges are under pressure to decide the fate of John Demjanjuk, sentenced to death for being "Ivan the Terrible" Page 13



The BBC shake-up has not been as far-reaching as expected, but Robert Phillis, head of ITN, is the new deputy director-general Pages 1,2



Lord Donaldson of Lymington, who retired as Master of the Rolls last year, is to chair the enquiry into the Shetland Islands oil disaster Pages 1,3



A teacher jailed for child abuse after complaints to Esther Rantzen's ChildLine charity, is challenging evidence used to convict him Page 3

The current affairs series *World in Action* gives itself a deserved pat on the back with highlights from the programme's three decade history (ITV, 10.40pm) Page 39

Time to get tough

The aim is, or should be, clear: to move beyond the pattern of Iraqi defiance and cumbersome international reaction, to a lasting UN-imposed peace Page 17

War of the skies

Yesterday the directors of BA attempted to distance themselves from the "regrettable action" of their employees. If the relevant British Airways directors knew what was happening, they should resign. If they did not, they were guilty of gross mismanagement and equally should not remain in their jobs Page 17

Vegetable move

Yesterday the European Commission published its proposal to create an EC passport for potatoes, shrubs and other plants. For once, this is not as silly as Eurocracy sometimes sounds Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

Booing is now to be heard only at the opera; it never was used at concerts, apart from provocations like Stravinsky's *succès de scandale* in his early days, but it once flourished mightily in the theatre, as I can witness. Indeed, I saw (perhaps I should say heard) its last kicks, and I can tell you how it ended. Pull up a chair Page 16

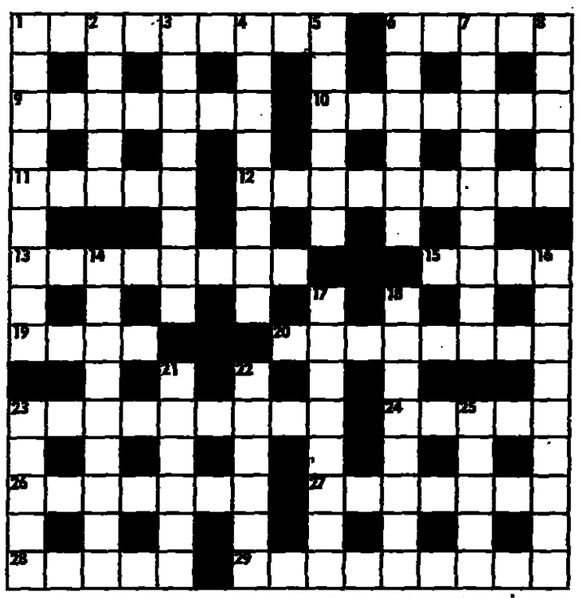
WOODROW WYATT

Some editors tell their credulous readers that if the leaked Calcutt recommendations for a privacy law are implemented press freedom would end. If the report had been allowed full publication on the date intended, instead of leaked snippets appearing, calmer consideration might have averted this hysterical reaction Page 16

Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Davyhulme, defends his grandfather's policy of making no wartime deals with Hitler Page 17

Elementary decency requires showing the Serbs that they cannot get away with killing, starving and raping, dismembering a nation and displacing a population, changing the map of Europe by force and flouting the international will
The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,125



ACROSS

1 Firearm as wedding security device? (9).
6 Derby's reported buffets (5).
9 Head of early beast thrown back to reveal scales (7).
10 Marked and terrified — run inside! (7).
11 Delicate filly approaching track (5).
12 Brother has changed forenames (9).
13 Gismo ran out of control, like a living thing (8).
15 Locarno, for example, is said to be crowded (4).
19 River trial (4).
20 Yellow bunting that flies around a place of isolation (4-4).
23 Dilatory sort finds convenience in a school break (9).
24 One in diplomacy should be understood (5).
26 Street-urchin having fun with dirt (7).
27 New hotel? Behold the famous moor! (7).
28 Plague in dog quarters (5).
29 Historic house-wine bearing red and white label? (5,4).

DOWN

1 Drain kitty to obtain battery-driven vehicle (4-5).
2 Use bribery, say, in Florida resort (5).
3 Heather supports help for administration (8).
4 More chars perhaps needed? Yes, if you do this (8).
5 Destiny of many taking on Times puzzle? (6).
6 Allurements, the cheer-leaders' weapons (6).
7 Anticipate action of everybody south of Epping, say (9).
8 Republic in which university is buried in sandstorm (5).
14 Cut — more traditional feature of the Oval (9).
16 Producing high-tension cable is a dangerous act (9).
17 Going by air, slower way of getting to Scotland (4,4).
18 This drawer might work on a block (8).
21 Pickle skin? (6).
22 Mail-boat makes a tidy sum (6).
23 An amount on the bill for a shrub (5).
25 Instrument used in Purcell opera (5).

Concise Crossword, page 40

Solution to Puzzle No 19,124

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Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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Windy in all parts, with gale to storm-force gusts in many places, and showers of rain, sleet or snow. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have blustery showers, turning thundery at times, but dying out in the afternoon. It will be brighter in England and Wales especially in the East, but showers are expected to be widespread and wintry on high ground. Outlook: staying unsettled with further rain or showers.

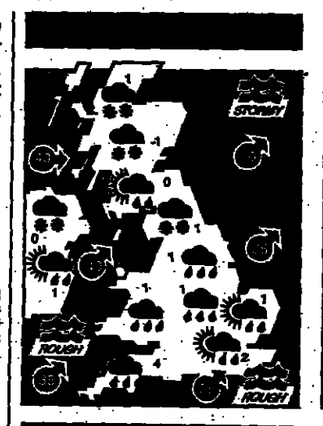
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Anglesey	-	0.22	11	52	rain
Belfast	1.4	0.05	10	50	sleet
Birmingham	-	0.32	12	54	rain
Bognor Regis	-	0.67	11	52	rain
Bournemouth	-	0.98	12	54	gale
Bristol	-	1.02	12	54	rain
Cardiff	-	0.53	12	54	rain
Clacton	-	0.23	10	50	rain
Cromer	-	0.62	12	54	rain
Douglas	-	0.32	10	50	hail
Edinburgh	-	0.18	10	50	hail
Eskdalemuir	-	0.82	8	46	shower
Exmouth	-	0.89	13	55	rain
Falmouth	0.3	1.46	13	55	gale
Folkestone	-	0.42	11	52	rain
Glasgow	-	0.49	10	50	hail
Guernsey	-	0.42	13	55	rain
Hastings	-	0.54	11	52	rain
Jersey	-	0.55	12	54	rain
Kinloss	-	0.24	9	48	snow
Leeds	-	0.15	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	-	0.72	11	52	rain
Liverpool	-	0.09	12	54	shower
London	-	0.35	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.20	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	0.06	12	54	rain
Margate	X	0.36	12	54	rain
Morecambe	-	0.57	10	50	rain
Newcastle	-	0.02	11	52	rain
Newquay	-	0.53	11	52	gale
Nottingham	-	0.24	12	54	rain
Penzance	-	0.67	13	55	rain
Plymouth	-	0.82	11	52	gale
Poole	-	0.98	12	54	rain
Prestwick	-	0.32	11	52	rain
Scarborough	-	0.09	11	52	rain
Scilly Isles	-	0.86	12	54	rain
Shanklin	-	0.76	11	52	rain
Southend	X	0.12	-	-	rain
Southsea	-	0.84	11	52	rain
Stornoway	-	0.32	6	43	snow
Swanage	-	0.81	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	1.17	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	0.73	11	52	drizzle
Tiree	0.2	0.36	8	46	hail
Torquay	-	1.53	13	55	rain
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Wick	0.3	0.08	7	45	shower
Worthing	-	0.69	11	52	rain

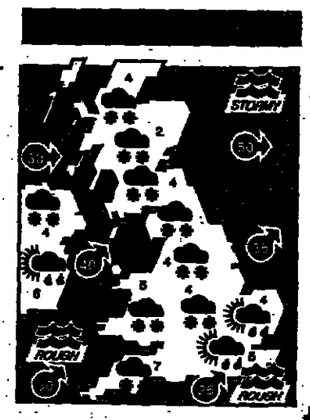
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	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Luxor	15	59	l
Alicante	13	55	s	Madrid	2	36	c
Alex'dria	13	55	c	Majorca	16	61	s
Algiers	17	63	s	Malaga	17	63	s
Amst'dam	10	50	r	Malta	17	63	f
Athens	10	50	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Bahrain	18	64	c	Miami*	28	82	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	5	41	d
Barbados*	28	82	s	Montreal*	-17	1	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	-2	28	sn
Beirut	12	54	f	Munich	13	55	c
Belgrade	6	43	f	Naples	15	59	c
Berlin	11	52	c	N Delhi	13	55	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N York*	3	37	c
Biarritz	15	59	f	Nice	14	57	f
Bordx	11	52	r	Oslo	2	36	s
Brussels	11	52	r	Paris	12	54	r
Budapst	2	36	s	Peking	-1	30	s
B.Aires*	33	91	s	Perth	30	86	s
Cairo	13	55	f	Prague	11	52	r
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	c
Chicago*	-3	27	sn	Rhodes	11	52	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Rio de J	32	90	f
Cologne	12	54	r	Salzburg	11	52	s
C'phagn	4	39	r	Rome	15	59	c
Corfu	13	55	s	Salzburg	11	52	s
Dublin	2	36	f	S Franc*	8	46	s
Dubrownik	12	54	c	S Paulo*	23	73	d
Faro	14	57	s	Seoul	0	32	s
Florence	14	57	s	Stog'por	27	81	f
Frankfurt	11	52	c	Stkholm	3	37	r
Funchal	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	11	52	r
Geneva	8	46	r	Sydney	25	79	c
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Tangier	15	59	f
Helsinki	5	41	r	Tel Aviv	13	55	f
Innsbruck	7	45	c	Tenerife	18	64	s
Istanbul	5	41	s	Tokyo	8	46	c
Jeddah	21	70	f	Toronto*	-9	16	sn
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	15	59	s
L.Palmas	18	64	s	Valencia	17	63	s
Le Touqt	10	50	r	Vancuvr*	-7	19	s
Lisbon	10	50	fg	Venice	7	45	c
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	1	34	c
London	10	50	f	Warsaw	8	46	c
L.Angels*	13	55	f	Wash'tonn*	-2	28	sn
Luxembg	9	48	r	Wellton	22	72	s
				Zurich	9	48	r

* denotes figures are latest available





London 4.17 pm to 8.01 am
Bristol 4.28 pm to 8.11 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 8.36 am
Manchester 4.15 pm to 8.19 am
Penzance 4.44 pm to 8.17 am

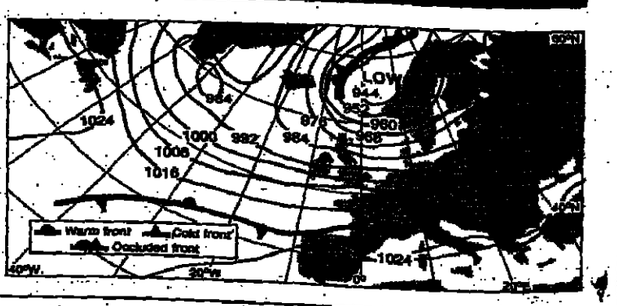
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Moon sets 9.35 am
Moon rises 10.09 pm
Last quarter January 15

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	-0	32	f	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'mingham	4	39	r	Inverness	-1	30	sn
Blackpool	4	39	f	Jersey	10	50	r
Bristol	7	45	f	London	10	50	f
Cardiff	7	45	r	M'chester	5	43	f
Edinburgh	0	32	sn	Newcastle	3	37	s
Glasgow	0	32	sn	R'caldway	3	37	f

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.12	7.4	4.41	7.5	Liverpool	1.31	9.6	1.49	9.8
Aberdeen	3.50	4.3	3.55	4.6	Lowestoft			2.04	4.8
Avonmouth	9.48	13.8	10.14	13.3	Margate	2.18	4.9	2.54	4.8
Belfast	1.21	8.8	1.38	3.7	Milford Haven	8.47	7.3	9.12	7.0
Cardiff	9.33	12.7	9.59	12.9	Newquay	7.39	7.3	8.05	7.0
Devonport	8.20	6.7	8.46	5.8	Oban	8.03	4.1	8.27	3.7
Dover	1.17	6.8	1.37	6.6	Penzance	7.24	5.8	7.52	5.4
Felmouth	7.50	5.5	8.16	5.1	Portland	9.14	2.2	9.48	1.9
Glasgow	3.32	4.8	3.25	5.4	Portsmouth	1.39	5.0	1.51	4.5
Harwich	2.05	4.0	2.34	4.1	Shoreham	1.36	6.5	1.58	6.3
Holyhead	12.32	5.6	12.49	5.9	Southampton	1.11	4.7	1.23	4.8
Hull	8.49	7.6	8.56	7.9	Swansea	8.50	9.6	9.14	9.4
Ilfracombe	8.30	9.6	8.58	9.2	Tees	5.15	5.4	5.24	5.8
King's Lynn	8.09	6.7	8.12	7.0	Whtn-on-Nze	1.55	4.3	2.27	4.3
Leith	5.16	5.7	5.32	5.9					

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 93 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 996.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



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Austria Sch	18.85	17.35
Belgium Fr	55.20	50.80
Canada $	2.105	1.946
Denmark Kr	10.39	9.59
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.35
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.575	2.475
Greece Dr	360.00	335.00
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Italy Lire	2410.00	2245.00
Japan Yen	212.00	193.00
Netherlands Gld	3.01	2.78
Norway Kr	11.41	10.61
Portugal Esc	238.00	220.00
South Africa Rd	5.25	4.55
Spain Pta	185.75	172.75
Sweden Kr	11.98	11.18
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Olympia & York creditors poised to seize Toronto's gleaming towers



The higher they rise, the harder they fall: First Canadian Place is the right-hand tower in the central group, Scotia Plaza the black one in front of it

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

CANADIAN creditors of Olympia & York Developments, the bankrupt property group, are expected to begin seizing prized assets this week, when 34 separate groups vote on the company's latest $7 billion debt restructuring plan.

Creditors of the property giant, which built London's Canary Wharf, are expected to take control of O&Y's flagship building — First Canadian Place, in Toronto. At 72 storeys, containing 2.68 million sq ft of space, this is the tallest office tower in Canada. Others to be seized are Toronto's 68-storey Scotia Plaza, which has 1.5 million sq ft, and Fifth Avenue Place, a twin tower in Calgary.

Prudential Insurance of America became the first creditor to seize one of O&Y's commercial buildings last week, when it took title to the 28-storey Aetna Canada Center, in Toronto, under a court-approved agreement.

Michael Barr, director of institutional research at H. Rivkin, the stockbroker, said modern offices in prime locations had long-term value, and creditors thought they might have a better chance of finding tenants once O&Y was removed as the owner.

Votes are due tomorrow by creditors owed $3.34 billion secured on holdings in Gulf Canada Resources, an energy group, and Abitibi-Price, a paper products company. O&Y has majority stakes in both companies.

O&Y has faced strong opposition to previous restructuring plans and is still not guaranteed unconditional support, although the latest plan will effectively remove control of the company from the Reichmann brothers, who built it into the world's largest property empire.

Gerald Greenwald, O&Y president, said when the new plan was announced last month that it would give the developer more time to restructure the $5 billion of debts on some 30 million sq ft of office space in the US, where it has often been one debt payment away from seeking bankruptcy court protection.

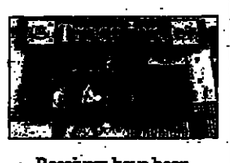
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OWN BUSINESS

ON TUESDAYS

THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5557 (+0.0172)
German mark.. 2.5327 (+0.0080)
Exchange Index..... 82.2 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2773.4 (25.8)
Dow Jones ... 3258.16 (+6.46)*
Nikkei Avge . 16589.55 (45.14)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 7%
3-month Interbank..... 7⅝-7⅛%
US Federal Funds..... 3⅛%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.07-3.06%*
Long Bond..... 7.47%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5535*	£:$	1.5535
$:DM	1.6310*	£:DM	2.5322
$:SWfr.	1.4906*	£:SWfr	2.3116
$:Fr	5.5425*	£:Fr	8.6260
$:Yen	125.01*	£:Yen	194.34
£:SDR		£:ECU	
	1.114777		1.289528

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 328.40 ..... PM 328.40
Close 327.00-327.50
New York:
Comex 327.15-327.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 139.7 November (3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Investors force Trafalgar vote on auditor

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Small shareholders forced a vote on the reappointment of Touche Ross as Trafalgar House auditor after 1991 profits were restated from £122m to just under £20m

TRAFALGAR House shareholders yesterday forced their board to hold a poll at the annual meeting over the reappointment of Touche Ross as auditor after the Financial Reporting Review Panel last year ordered the company to knock £100 million off 1991 profits.

The Trafalgar board, chaired by Alan Clements, lost the customary resolution to appoint the auditors on a show of hands. Only 81 shareholders at the meeting in London's Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre voted in favour. 120 voted against. But after adding in the huge number of proxy votes from the institutions, the board carried the day in the full poll by votes representing 281.3 million shares to 490,452 shares.

Touche Ross was formally reappointed but it is understood Trafalgar will bear in mind the views expressed at the meeting when the question of auditors comes up at the September year end.

Shareholders expressed concern over the restating of the 1991 figures from a profit before tax of £122.4 million to just £19.7 million. The restatement followed the threat of legal action from the Financial Reporting Review Panel. Mr Clements told shareholders at the start of yesterday's meeting: "We obtained advice from Touche Ross, the company's auditors, from another leading firm of chartered accountants and from leading counsel all of whom supported the board's view that the treatment of the 1991 accounts was in accordance with relevant accounting standards and complied with the Companies Acts.

"However, the panel continued to express concern and your board decided that if the matter was taken to court, the delays and uncertainties which would have resulted from prolonged litigation, whatever the outcome, would not be in shareholders interests.

"Accordingly we agreed to make certain changes and adjustments restating certain of the comparative figures for 1991 in the 1992 accounts but it was agreed that the 1991 accounts did not require to be reissued."

This was not enough to placate shareholders, however. One said: "I am not a financial expert I rely on auditors to reassure me. I submit that the vast difference is not acceptable. I would like some explanations what they thought they were doing signing off the 1991 accounts."

Mr Clements explained that the Urgent Issues Task Force report which lay behind the FRRP ruling was published after Trafalgar's 1991 results. "It is not a question that one set of accounts was right and the other wrong, the 1991 accounts were right at the time." This drew laughter from some shareholders.

Shareholders bemoaned the absence of Sir Nigel Broackes, the former chairman. Sir Nigel's absence was "his own decision", Mr Clements said.

On current trading prospects, Mr Clements said trading conditions continued to be difficult and there were no convincing signs of recovery in key markets. Consequently he did not foresee an upturn in activity in 1993.

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'Plot to steal £5m' from Guinness

BY ANGELA MACKAY

AN AMERICAN corporate lawyer perpetrated "a simple, clever fraud" in 1986 to steal £5.2 million from Guinness, the drinks group, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday. Thomas Ward, 53, denies three charges of theft and false accounting stemming from Guinness's £2 billion takeover of Distillers.

In his opening address, Victor Temple, prosecuting, on behalf of the Serious Fraud Office, said Mr Ward, a director of Guinness at the time of the takeover, had been motivated by greed when he submitted a false invoice for £5.2 million related to his role in the takeover. Mr Temple said Ernest Saunders, the former chief executive of Guinness, assisted Mr Ward who was a close friend.

Mr Temple said the running of the bid was handled by a three-man committee comprised of company directors — Mr Saunders, Mr Ward and Olivier Roux, the former finance director who is also the prosecution's chief witness. Mr Temple said Mr Saunders and Mr Ward realised that they had the means and the opportunity to obtain "a wholly overstated sum through the simple submission of an invoice for £5.2 million". The prosecution said the money was paid into a Jersey bank account controlled by Mr Ward.

The case continues.

Tenants pay price of terror

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARP rises in insurance premiums to cover acts of terrorism will be passed on by landlords, with some tenants, in "high-risk" areas, facing increases of more than 100 per cent.

For example, the tenant of a London office, insured for £10 million, will have paid out £7,000 for fire and perils insurance last year. This year the extra premium required for terrorism cover will push the figure up to £14,700. The extra charge will only be £1,400 if the office is located outside the nine designated high risk centres of Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester, London, Bristol, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Cardiff.

However, terrorism premiums will rise by a further 50 per cent if any building is, or is located next to, a high risk property, such as a government building or high-profile construction project.

Commercial property policy insurance premiums have risen strongly after the decision by insurers to provide terrorism cover only as an "add-on" service. The change was sparked by the decision by large foreign reinsurers to cease offering cover, from the start of 1993, to insurers such as the Commercial Union and General Accident for claims arising from terrorism.

One of the first landlords to negotiate separate terrorism insurance cover is the Corporation of London, which owns property in the City valued at £5 billion. Bernard Harty, the corporation's treasurer, said premiums have risen sharply. The increase in the corporation's rates is thought to be one of the largest given that its property portfolio is entirely in London, the prime target for terrorism activity. Mr Harty would not reveal the new insurance cost, but estimates put it at more than £4.5 million. Mr Harty said premiums for some properties had risen by more than 100 per cent. "We will be charged for this extra premium in the first instance but we will be able to recover a lot from our tenants," he said.

The ability to claw back the extra insurance cost is not restricted to the corporation and most landlords are expected to pass on the extra cost. Under the terms of the standard "full repairing and insuring lease", tenants will be responsible for the extra premiums.

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PM's one-man stand against the fogeys



ANTHONY HARRIS

The deficit-worrying that dominated the talk at Chevening strikes an odd note with anyone who has spent some time in Washington. Resonant but false, like a cracked bell.

The US capital was full of doomsayers for many years. They talked of the twin deficits (even the phrases are the same), warned of a debt explosion, forecast investor strikes and ever-rising bond rates, followed by currency and economic collapse. The politicians responded with the Gramm-Rudman law, which set binding targets for deficit reduction ("A bad idea whose time has come", according to one of its sponsors). The law was "fixed" when the rules failed to bind. Finally, the president yielded a modest but politically fatal tax increase.

None of this worked, and public debt did explode; yet the sky did not fall. It was private, not public debt that investors shunned. Interest rates, including bond rates, fell steadily, despite the deficit and a large dollar devaluation. Now there is a modest recovery, which could potentially reduce the US fiscal deficit quite quickly; but progress is likely to be delayed while President Clinton tries to make the recovery a little more convincing. But even this threat has not frightened either bond or currency investors. You might suppose that British deficit-worriers would find this example interesting; but they never mention it. They seem to regard the case for urgent fiscal action as self-evident, and call for tough measures; and they have frightened the demoralised Treasury team into discussing tax increases as the best response to the worst slump in 60 years.

People who call for toughness rather than arguing their case are not actually thinking; and the would-be deflators prove, on examination, to be a dangerous alliance of old and young fogeys. (An old fogey is someone who does not realise that the present is unlike the past he remembers. A young fogey makes the same mistake about the past). The old fogey of the moment is Lord Howe, who bravely deflated his way out of a recession in 1981. The young fogeys are the bond dealers, and their echoes in the press. What Lord Howe does not remind us is that his fiscal deflation was part of a package, which also included rapid cuts in interest rates, and a large consequent devaluation. This was the right remedy for the early 1980s. It is not right for a time when we have already devalued, are getting further help from the dollar, and when the economy is already being squeezed by private debt and banking caution.

The young fogeys worry about the markets: they are afraid of themselves. Interest rates, they say, will be pushed up. Look at institutional cash flow; it is inadequate. And remember buyers' strikes of the 1970s. Well, yes; but the '90s are quite unlike the '70s. There was no indexed debt then; foreign bonds were not available, and real interest rates were strongly negative. The institutions could estimate very accurately how much the authorities needed to raise in gilt sales. In an effort to protect their vanishing assets, they took what advantage they could of this knowledge. They were not staging a buyers' strike, but playing chicken with the Bank of England.

Today there is only one similarity with that time: the impending fiscal deficit is no secret, and the government is following a full funding rule. If there were to be a game of chicken or buyers' strike, it would already have started.

The government should study US experience rather than market chatter. It could imitate the Fed, design monetary policy to help bank profits, and so restore confidence where it is crucial. It could Clintonise: recovery now, financed by bigger defence cuts, and deficit reduction later. Or it could listen to Mrs Thatcher's first guru, Professor Milton Friedman, cut rates, and let recovery both cut the deficit and support sterling.

Something like this policy was forced on the government in September by the heroic George Soros; but Chevening suggests that the diehards in the Treasury and the Bank still regard that deliverance as a defeat. They may use taxes to maintain deflation. Only John Major is trying to hold them back. He is in serious danger of getting something right — if the official fogeys allow it.

British lead in gas technology 'at risk'

By Rodney Hobson

■ Orders worth more than £110 million have been lost as British Gas curtails investment while the dispute with Ofgas, the regulator, remains unresolved

MANUFACTURING and service companies supplying the gas industry are alarmed about the continuing dispute between British Gas and Ofgas, the industry watchdog. They fear that Britain's world leadership in gas technology is at risk.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 jobs have been lost on the service side alone as British Gas cuts back on investment while its future is scrutinised by the monopolies commission. Employees who used to lay pipelines or connect homes to the gas supply have been switched to serving other utilities such as water and telecoms. Another 3,000 jobs have been lost in manufacturing, where three-and four-day working weeks have been introduced.

Manufacturers have lost £60 million in annual turnover and the service side £50 million, according to the Society of British Gas Industries, which claims that 95 per cent of companies in the sector are members. Big industrial names involved include Amec, Laing, McAlpine, Hanson and Du Pont.

John Cull, the society's president, says: "We were coping well with recession until the battle between the regulator and British Gas took hold. Now our UK home base is at risk. We will lose skilled people and will never be able to replace them."

The industry has some sympathy for British Gas's position. "Why should British Gas borrow at 8 per cent," Mr Cull says, "when it is allowed a return of only 4 per cent? Why should it invest if the regulator is hell bent on bringing other players in?

"We ... do not care if there is one player or four, as long as they are investing as British Gas has done and follow the same long-term view. I fear that safety and design standards will get lost in the fight between British Gas and the regulator."

The society has made representations to British Gas, Ofgas and the government; member companies have approached individual MPs whose constituencies have been affected by job losses.

Mr Cull believes the government is standing back until the MMC reports. He says it could be up to five years before there is investment in the industry again. "We ought to have been ready to move into Europe, but that has gone on the back burner."

Use of water profits put under scrutiny

By Martin Waller

THE Office of Water Services, the industry regulator, has asked KPMG Management Consulting to draw up guidelines that will ensure the privatised water companies keep the finances of their various diversifications and other activities separate from their core businesses.

Ofwat wants to monitor so-called cross-subsidisation, whereby profits from one part of a group are used to fund another, so giving rise to unfair competition. Cross-subsidies have prompted various disputes between privatised industries and their regulators. Most recently, big electricals chains such as Dixons have complained that electricity distributors are using profits from their core businesses to support their chains of high street showrooms. The power industry rejects the allegations.

KPMG Management Consulting will look to find ways to ensure that transactions between the core water businesses and associated companies within the same group are at arm's length, so that any cross-subsidisation can be identified.

Ian Byatt, the director general of water services, is consulting the water industry over a further amendment to the companies' operating licences that could forbid cross-subsidisation entirely.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Cutting costs: Peter Wood, left, and Stephen Bentley, finance director, yesterday

Ellis payout likely to top £300,000

By Colin Campbell

ELLIS & Everard is believed to have settled about £330,000 on Michael Marshall, its former chairman, after his sudden resignation in July. At the time, his departure was said to be "due to management differences".

The settlement is included in a £500,000 above the line severance and rationalisation charge made by the speciality chemicals group for the interim period ended October 31.

Mr Marshall was replaced, on a temporary basis, by Simon Everard, a former chairman, though the group expects to make a new, more permanent appointment before its April year end. Mr Marshall remains a shareholder with 2 per cent of the group's equity.

Peter Wood, chief executive, says Ellis & Everard has continued to reduce costs, but trading conditions were generally difficult and interim pre-tax profits fell 13 per cent to £6.5 million on sales of £190.1 million (£198 million).

The group's pools business and its Spanish interests continued to disappoint, but cost reductions that could save £700,000 on an annual basis should start to become evident in the second half.

Mr Everard said: "I hesitate to say too much about prospects for the full year." The interim dividend is held at 2.25p. Mr Everard said the balance sheet remained strong.

The shares fell 8p to 187p in a weak stock market.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Union leaders urge Burton staff to strike

WORKERS at Burton, the clothing retailer, are being recommended to strike over the company's plans to cut 1,000 full-time jobs and replace them with 3,000 part-timers. Leaders of 3,000 members of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers are recommending that the union ballot its membership on a series of one-day-a-week strikes at Burtons Menswear and Top Man shops.

Last week the company announced a move from full to part-time working for the staff involved, and put forward proposals aimed at ending collective bargaining in the company. After a meeting of its national committee representing Burton's employees across the country, Usdaw said it was insisting on its rights to be consulted about such changes.

Talks on oil merger

SHARES in Aberdeen Petroleum, the USM-quoted company that recently failed to secure a merger with Brabant, another oil group, firmed ¼p to 8¾p on news that it is in merger talks with Bellwether Exploration. Bellwether, which is based in Houston and has oil and gas exploration and production interests in the US, put proposals to Aberdeen's board on December 14. Bellwether's offer values each Aberdeen share at about 10¼p and would give shareholders one Bellwether share for every 3.75 shares already held.

NFC chief to retire

JACK Mather is to retire as chief executive of NFC, the transport and distribution group, on health grounds. He will leave after the annual meeting next month. Peter Sherlock, 47, until recently a director of Bass, will succeed him. In a letter to shareholders, posted with the annual report and accounts, James Watson, the chairman, says Mr Mather is taking early retirement to protect his long-term health following major heart surgery three years ago. He said: "Jack has made a very significant contribution to NFC's success."

Carclo advances 28%

INCREASED orders and sterling's devaluation have led to increased optimism at Carclo Engineering Group, the Leeds-based company that makes equipment for the textile, automotive and aviation industries. Improved margins and cost-cutting helped pre-tax profits advance 27.9 per cent to £3.68 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover ahead 5.2 per cent to £40.7 million. The interim dividend is raised to 1.8p (1.71p). Earnings climb to 6.3p (4.9p). Carclo shares rose 10p to 189p.

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	101.10	108.10	-1.00	1.74
International	73.53	78.22	-1.14	1.30
Dividend Gth	53.18	56.57	-0.22	5.30
Global Gth Sec	58.48	62.21	-0.17	3.20
Ethical Growth	61.41	65.32	-0.08	2.95
High Inc Equity	141.20	150.20†	-0.70	5.66
Worldwide Bond	247.50	262.30	-2.80	4.77
Gilts Fixed Int	126.80	134.40†	-0.20	7.07
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	40.16	42.48	-0.63	1.99
European	70.24	74.48	-0.47	...
European Inc	71.12	75.43†	-0.54	1.37
Exempt	861.80	889.30†	-3.90	3.44
Extra Inc	39.49	42.94†	-0.28	5.86
F East Emerg Ec	70.57	75.93	-0.45	0.84
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	349.10	373.10	-5.70	4.97
Equity Inc	195.90	209.40†	-3.10	4.89
High Yield	216.60	231.30	-3.40	4.73
Balanced	599.30	640.50†	-7.30	3.20
American Inc	42.61	45.55	-0.45	3.67
Wld Asset Val	33.82	36.15	-0.33	1.69
Japan	129.40	137.50†	-1.70	0.01
Secs of Am	390.30	415.70†	-3.30	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	298.00	317.40	-4.20	3.14
-do- Inc	213.60	227.30	-3.00	3.14
Higher Inc Acc	521.90	555.30	-8.50	4.43
-do- Inc	321.90	342.50	-5.20	4.43
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	167.00	176.20	-0.50	7.19
-do- Inc	90.03	95.06	-0.23	7.19
Nth America	252.70	268.90	-3.60	...
Far East	228.10	242.70	-3.60	3.13
Europe	190.40	202.60	-2.90	1.42
General Inc	399.60	425.20	-5.80	2.77
-do- Acc	435.30	463.10	-6.30	2.77
Brit Excel	60.88	64.77	-0.91	3.24
Brit Fndmtls Inc	61.47	65.40	-1.08	5.07
Brit Fndmtls Acc	78.31	83.31	-1.30	5.07
Global Opps	62.53	66.53	-1.20	0.04
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	103.70	111.00	-0.60	3.30
Euro Gth Inc	103.10	109.10	-1.10	1.39
Extra Inc	98.46	105.30	-0.60	5.79
General	228.10	244.00	-1.70	3.58
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.31	58.27†	+0.04	9.06
Income	450.40	481.70	-1.90	5.19
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	86.14	91.53	-1.58	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	113.90	121.50	-2.80	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	48.36	51.72†	-0.26	7.60
Eastern	160.70	172.90	-0.20	1.70
Equity Income	71.57	76.13	-0.97	0.80
European Gth	201.70	214.50	-2.80	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	137.70	147.80†	-1.00	2.00
Exempt	78.70	80.90	...	3.80
German Growth	47.98	51.21	-0.41	0.80
Global Growth	97.94	104.60†	-1.70	...
Japan Growth	144.50	155.00	-3.10	...
Japan Sunrise	121.10	129.30	-2.70	...
Portfolio	108.90	116.50	-1.40	1.40
-do- Acc	192.50	206.00	-2.50	1.40
UK Growth	68.81	73.20	-0.26	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	69.05	73.84	+0.44	2.00
Select Managers	57.99	62.19	-0.48	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	97.20	103.96	-1.33	2.39
-do- Inc	89.03	95.22	-1.22	2.39
Global Bond	27.26	28.92†	-0.29	5.78
High Yield Acc	48.35	51.71	-0.46	4.52
-do- Inc	35.44	37.90†	-0.34	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	76.62	81.94	-0.14	1.81
-do- Inc	70.86	75.78	-0.13	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	51.78	55.38	-1.12	0.29
-do- Inc	50.82	54.35	-1.10	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	86.65	92.67	-0.89	1.78
-do- Inc	85.85	91.82	-0.88	1.78
Mngd P folio	31.03	33.16	-0.35	1.54
Pacific Growth	78.78	84.26	-0.91	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	75.59	80.85	-0.70	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	103.60	110.30	-0.50	4.03
Smaller Cos Acc	229.90	245.80	+2.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	134.00	142.70	+1.40	1.61
High Inc	68.43	72.88	-0.73	6.45
Income	116.40	124.50	-0.40	4.66
Mngd P folio Inc	83.81	89.28	-0.48	2.33
-do- Acc	156.90	167.10	-1.00	...
North American	100.80	107.40†	-1.80	0.20
Orient	90.99	97.89	-1.44	...
Recovery	32.10	34.60†	-0.13	3.41
German	36.22	38.83	-0.50	0.10
Intl Growth	30.26	32.23	-0.43	0.24
European Inc	20.41	21.98	-0.18	0.51
Conv General	18.06	19.33†	+0.04	7.98
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	59.81	62.97	-0.58	1.60
-do- Acc	65.58	69.77	-0.75	1.60
Income Fund 5	200.03	212.80	-2.60	4.37
-do- Acc	454.60	483.70	-6.00	4.37
Inv Portfolio	63.86	66.18	-0.50	2.52
-do- Acc	71.53	74.13	-0.56	2.52
Smaller Cos	105.80	112.60†	-0.60	2.42
-do- Acc	127.10	135.30†	+0.80	2.42
High Inc P folio	55.98	58.01	-0.58	5.10
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 490 7216				
Str Gilt Fxd Int	67.93	68.93	-0.04	6.05
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH. 061 837 5060				
Envtron	127.80	136.00†	-0.60	1.71
UK Growth	138.70	147.60	-0.70	2.45
UK Income	116.80	124.30	-0.60	4.70
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	71.75	76.74	-0.75	1.07
Growth	43.00	45.79†	-0.51	3.34
Income	49.63	52.60†	-0.50	4.50
Far East	37.60	40.21	-0.53	0.37
North American	77.90	83.33	-1.88	0.01
Global	76.27	81.57	-0.93	1.25
European	59.35	63.48	-0.68	1.24
Japan	79.27	84.79	-1.51	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	54.12	57.35	-0.57	7.75
UK Cap Gwth	74.41	79.58	-1.05	2.64

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	122.10	129.90	-2.50	0.12
-do- Acc	129.70	138.00	-2.80	0.12
European	60.14	63.76	-0.71	1.11
-do- Acc	62.34	66.09	-0.73	1.11
Far East Gen	44.09	46.91	-1.01	...
-do- Acc	44.09	46.91	-1.01	...
Glenfriars	218.10	232.10	-2.80	1.64
-do- Acc	244.90	260.60	-3.30	1.64
Growth	355.50	380.30	-6.50	2.67
-do- Acc	604.50	646.60	-11.10	2.67
Income Growth	351.10	373.60	-5.20	4.22
-do- Acc	459.30	488.70	-6.90	4.22
Master Portfolio	8865.0	9160.0†	-126.0	3.16
-do- Acc	10220.0	10560.0	-145.0	3.16
Special Sits	81.11	86.29†	-1.26	2.61
-do- Acc	94.93	100.99	-1.47	2.62
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1125.0	1160.0	-14.00	4.84
-do- Acc	1302.0	1343.0	-16.00	4.84
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	179.80	191.40	-2.80	1.90
Capital	501.30	534.90	-8.60	2.63
Eurotrack 100	117.10	124.50	-1.50	1.87
Euro Gth	70.12	74.72†	-0.83	2.10
Far East Growth	70.79	75.84†	-1.25	0.56
Global Bond	21.38	22.52†	-0.12	7.05
Hong Kong	62.37	66.56	+0.60	0.75
Income	470.90	502.50	-6.90	4.97
Intl Growth	63.75	68.03	-0.82	1.27
Japan Growth	183.60	195.90	-3.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.86	25.25	-0.39	...
Japan Index	54.70	58.37	-1.08	0.41
Nth American	392.60	418.90	-6.70	1.07
S pore Mly Gth	43.88	46.83	-0.88	...
The Footsie Fd	102.50	108.20†	-1.50	2.64
Tiger Index	122.00	130.20	-1.80	1.09
Trixie Index	94.36	100.70	-0.90	3.19
UK Index	115.70	123.40†	-1.70	3.49
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	76.53	81.76	-0.67	1.00
European P folio	63.37	67.38	-0.81	1.38
Japanese P folio	44.74	47.52	-0.86	...
Pacific P folio	78.45	84.36	-1.01	2.43
Cazenove P folio	64.95	68.60†	-0.53	3.00
UK Income Gth	58.89	63.07	-0.46	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	7.15	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	7.00	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	60.49	63.67	+0.06	2.23
Beckman Intl	74.87	79.02	-0.89	5.05
Friars Hse Inc	167.70	179.44†	-2.01	6.87
Friars Hse Cap	236.17	252.70	-10.85	2.94
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	100.69	107.12	-1.84	0.25
European Gth	80.88	86.04	-0.98	1.81
Far East Gth	82.76	88.04	-0.85	0.21
Japan Gth Acc	30.49	32.44	-0.55	...
Managed	57.06	60.70	-0.63	3.30
-do- Acc	68.92	73.32	-0.74	3.30
Mthly Inc Plus	45.03	47.90	+0.04	8.89
Smaller Cos	29.95	31.86	+0.09	2.59
-do- Acc	32.56	38.06	+0.09	2.59
UK General	65.18	69.34†	-0.84	3.14
-do- Acc	78.17	83.16	-1.02	3.14
Wwide Bd	59.14	62.92	-0.66	6.22
-do- Acc	74.11	78.84	-0.83	6.22
Wwide Sp Sits	47.64	50.95†	-0.68	0.33
-do- Acc	49.53	52.97	-0.71	0.33
Quilter General	115.78	123.17	-1.89	2.57
-do- Acc	127.43	135.56	-2.09	2.57
Quilter Income	85.08	90.51†	-1.34	4.36
-do- Acc	104.85	111.54	-1.66	4.36
Quilter Intl	111.89	119.03	-1.89	0.38
-do- Acc	113.44	120.68	-1.91	0.38
Quilter UK Spec	64.95	69.10	-0.80	3.26
-do- Acc	85.93	91.41	-1.05	3.26
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	90.50	96.28	-0.98	2.31
Fixed Conv	39.14	41.64	-0.02	7.81
-do- Acc	100.39	106.80	-0.04	7.81
Equity Inc	135.92	144.60	-1.92	4.42
-do- Acc	429.09	456.48	-6.07	4.42
High Yield	108.35	115.27†	-1.37	5.52
-do- Acc	405.79	431.69	-5.17	5.52
Preference	44.55	47.39†	-0.80	8.49
-do- Acc	225.34	239.72	-4.10	8.49
PPT Europe	130.38	138.70	-1.12	0.95
PPT Global Bnd	76.14	81.00	-0.95	4.49
PPT Gold Com	42.50	45.21	-0.38	...
PPT Thai	52.10	55.43	-0.31	...
PPT Hong Kong	83.90	89.26	+0.70	...
PPT Japan	83.06	88.36	-1.50	...
PPT N Amer	137.26	146.03	-2.38	...
PPT S'pore Mly	89.47	95.18	-2.13	...
PPT UK	110.22	117.26	-1.37	1.68
PPT Cash	90.56	90.56	+0.03	5.23
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	64.91	69.05	-0.30	1.15
Japanese Acc	43.27	46.03	-0.80	...
UK Balncd Inc	118.60	126.20†	-0.90	2.54
-do- Acc	138.30	147.30†	-0.90	2.54
UK Growth Acc	197.30	209.90	-0.80	2.30
UK High Inc	125.10	133.10	-0.70	7.14
-do- Acc	147.20	157.10	-0.90	7.14
N America Acc	105.20	111.90	-2.00	0.35
European Acc	132.60	141.10	-1.80	0.50
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.18	62.80†	-0.11	9.78
-do- Acc	94.23	100.00†	-0.20	9.78
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.07	43.69	-0.60	0.36
Environmntl Opp	68.91	73.31	-0.34	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	98.96	105.00	-1.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	164.50	174.80	-0.30	1.43
Eurofund	33.58	35.49†	-0.32	1.13
Mngd Exempt	159.10	165.80	+1.30	3.17
Growth Inc	205.10	217.90	-4.20	4.13
High Dist	128.90	137.00	-2.00	6.31
International	293.90	312.30	-3.70	1.04
Intl Income	72.48	77.37†	-0.56	3.36
Pacific	49.23	52.31	-0.23	0.57
Smllr Jap Cos	49.96	53.08†	-0.37	...
Tokyo	146.10	155.40	-2.00	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Exempt	83.72	86.02	-6.42	0.58
Sm Jap Exempt	416.10	427.50	-11.80	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	154.60	164.40	...	1.27
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	100.34	108.52	-1.22	3.86
High Income	112.02	117.97	-1.57	5.35
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.40	134.10	-0.52	2.86
Special Sits	77.46	81.54	-1.03	3.61
North American	99.33	104.56	-1.33	1.13
Far Eastern	185.51	195.27	-1.81	1.63
Intl Growth	81.73	86.03	-0.89	1.63
European	56.35	59.32	-0.47	2.31
Smaller Cos	62.67	65.97†	...	2.68
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	202.10	213.30	-4.50	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.90
European Tst	95.49	101.60	-1.30	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	81.32	86.06	-0.86	0.76
Far Eastern	103.70	111.60	-1.20	...
Overs Income	78.53	83.50†	-0.94	2.98
UK Growth	86.94	92.98†	-0.82	1.43
UK Income	95.00	101.60	-1.40	4.16
US Smaller Cos	203.80	218.00	-4.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	401.90	429.70	-11.20	...
-do- Acc	410.60	439.00	-11.40	...
Capital	265.70	282.60	-0.10	2.48
-do- Acc	366.70	390.00	-0.20	2.48
Contl Smllr Cos	40.40	43.64	-0.21	1.47
-do- Acc	41.80	45.16	-0.21	1.47
Convertible	103.60	110.10†	-0.50	6.71
-do- Acc	191.10	203.20†	-0.90	6.71
European	85.89	91.87	-1.01	1.07
-do- Acc	88.75	94.93	-1.05	1.07
Extra Income	266.70	283.60	-2.50	4.78
-do- Acc	367.50	390.90	-3.30	4.78
Financial	91.08	96.88	-0.86	0.89
-do- Acc	94.78	100.80	-0.90	0.89
Health Fund Inc	125.30	133.80	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	125.30	133.80	-2.60	...
Income Tst	164.50	174.90†	-2.40	4.38
-do- Acc	229.30	243.90†	-3.30	4.38
Intl Growth	283.50	302.70	-5.30	...
-do- Acc	314.80	336.10	-5.90	...
Japan Gen	121.30	130.10	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	122.30	131.40	-1.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	83.91	88.32	-0.72	1.95
-do- Acc	86.65	91.20	-0.74	1.95
Monthly Income	132.60	141.00†	-0.40	4.95
Recovery	261.10	279.20	-3.10	0.78
-do- Acc	304.60	325.70	-3.50	0.78
Gilt Gth Tst	59.59	61.45	-0.16	7.46
-do- Acc	74.81	77.14	-0.21	7.46
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	333.78	355.09	-1.68	2.93
-do- Acc	673.95	716.97	-3.39	2.93
Euro Gth Dist	92.88	98.81	-1.13	1.15
-do- Acc	95.65	101.76	-1.17	1.15
Fixed Int Dist	126.54	133.85†	-0.05	6.95
-do- Acc	210.03	222.16†	-0.09	6.95
Intl Gth Dist	66.60	70.85†	-0.79	0.82
-do- Acc	68.89	73.29†	-0.81	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	155.63	165.20†	-2.64	0.74
-do- Acc	168.65	179.02†	-2.86	0.74
Pac Basin Dist	192.16	204.43†	-1.22	0.42
-do- Acc	195.21	207.67†	-1.24	0.42
Stewardship Dist	277.51	295.22	+0.05	2.03
-do- Acc	328.32	349.28	+0.07	2.03
Stwd Inc Dist	56.42	60.02	+0.04	4.08
-do- Acc	68.80	73.19	+0.04	4.08
N Am Stwd Dist	87.78	93.38†	-1.47	0.04
-do- Acc	92.92	98.85†	-1.56	0.04
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	131.10	140.70	-3.70	...
European	351.50	373.70	-4.70	1.03
Far East General	174.70	186.30†	-1.80	0.35
Germany	85.16	90.16	-0.78	0.44
Global Assets In	60.00	64.17	-0.70	2.34
Global Assets Ac	62.87	67.24	-0.74	2.31
Income	99.27	106.20	-0.10	7.45
International	221.10	236.50	-3.60	1.06
Intl Income	67.68	72.04†	-0.89	4.97
Japan General	273.70	289.80	-2.70	...
Smllr Cos Div	42.30	45.25†	-0.03	6.22
UK Capital Inc	143.10	153.10	-1.80	4.15
-do- Acc	242.70	259.60	-3.00	4.08
UK Spec Sits	62.81	67.18	-0.41	1.69
US General	100.10	106.60	-1.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	103.70	111.00	-2.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.63	44.52	-0.59	1.21
Cash Trust*	126.78	126.78	+0.06	6.74
Prafi Inv Inc	95.14	102.00	-0.22	4.28
-do- Acc	203.15	217.85	+0.49	4.28
UK Smaller Cos	91.44	98.06	-0.35	2.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.76	25.41	-0.28	8.82
High Inc	28.76	30.76	-0.29	5.79
UK Equity Inc	120.62	129.01	-1.08	4.67
Intl Fxd Int	27.68	28.68†	-0.30	5.96
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.35	60.43	-0.50	1.92
Frontier Markets	36.81	39.47	-0.43	0.38
Global Inc Gth	109.55	116.97	-1.30	3.03
UK Intl	100.64	107.64†	-1.60	1.44
Overseas Funds				
American	117.76	125.75	-2.23	0.60
European	72.16	76.34	-0.90	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	82.51	87.76	-0.67	1.44
American Emerg	67.97	72.89†	-1.67	...
Hong Kong	90.94	97.52	+0.90	2.39
Japan	147.02	156.80	-2.76	...
Pacific Growth	124.35	133.35	-0.93	0.67
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0528				
Intl Growth	108.54	116.09	-1.94	0.95
American Gth	110.30	117.96	-2.68	0.35
European Gth	59.96	64.11	-0.68	0.82
German Hortzn	41.67	44.46	-0.56	0.92
Japan Gth	56.28	60.18	-1.06	...
Pacific Inc	107.61	115.09	-2.81	3.22
Pacific Strategy	88.94	95.13	-1.57	...
UK Prog Inc	67.64	72.34	-0.86	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.04	49.24	-0.48	2.00
UK Small Cos	39.74	42.50	-1.05	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.30	129.30	+0.10	5.75
Gilt Fixed	116.70	123.70	-0.20	6.64
Growth Equity	276.90	295.90	-2.80	2.49
Guardhill	407.30	435.10	-2.70	2.44

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	98.66	105.40†	-0.70	4.81
International	136.00	145.20	-2.10	0.16
Japan Trust	92.81	99.15	-1.66	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	231.60	247.40	-5.00	0.41
Pacific	295.50	315.70	-3.80	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	294.80	314.70†	-2.70	0.59
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838888				
Global Adv Inc	32.66	34.62	-0.20	1.80
-do- Acc	34.04	36.09	-0.20	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	27.71	29.38†	-0.10	4.33
-do- Acc	28.57	30.29	-0.10	4.33
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	58.77	62.96	-0.50	0.66
Equity Income	103.70	110.30	-0.70	4.02
European	122.80	129.80	-1.00	1.60
Intl Situation	65.62	69.81	-0.90	...
Japanese	100.80	107.30	-2.00	...
North American	94.22	99.97†	-1.53	0.07
Scandinavian	95.41	100.90	-0.80	...
Smaller Cos	28.67	30.50	+0.02	2.62
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.18	91.09	-2.37	...
Asian Enterprise	103.01	110.42†	-0.62	1.40
Australian	110.49	118.11	-0.91	1.36
European	316.34	335.42	-3.43	1.28
European Inc	61.56	65.18	-0.64	2.97
Euro Smi Co	105.16	112.30	-0.78	1.46
Extra Income	340.30	355.70†	-1.50	5.60
Family of Funds	63.19	67.44†	+0.12	2.01
Fixed Interest	53.75	57.47†	-0.01	9.58
Global Resour	70.08	75.23	-0.24	1.69
High Inc	258.76	276.60	-3.50	4.97
Income Gth	208.05	232.22†	-2.65	4.19
-do- Acc	548.74	584.40†	-6.66	4.19
International	202.54	215.80	-2.62	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	167.37	178.02	-2.98	...
Japan	142.84	151.84†	-2.62	...
N Amer	215.26	229.03†	-4.66	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	138.79	148.80	-1.30	1.56
Pref Gilt	44.82	48.71	...	9.69
Smaller Cos Div	145.80	159.02	+0.96	4.72
Special Sits	238.02	254.67	-1.36	1.69
-do- Acc	364.53	390.04	-2.08	1.69
Best of British	52.38	56.21	-0.72	2.49
Spirit of the East	46.67	49.89	-0.53	0.73
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	83.45	89.25	-1.12	2.74
Capital	143.50	153.40	-2.30	2.56
Dollar	280.20	299.60	-5.40	0.28
European	170.50	182.30	-0.40	0.83
Far East	193.80	207.20†	-3.00	0.89
Financial	581.60	622.30	-9.50	2.91
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.23	26.21	-0.08	8.85
High Yield	91.47	97.82†	-1.12	5.61
Income	123.70	132.20	-2.10	4.14
Intl	187.40	200.40	-2.50	0.53
Japan Tech	49.68	53.13†	-0.94	...
Nat Resources	48.06	51.40	-0.95	0.64
Security	278.20	297.50	-3.40	2.60
Smaller Cos	99.11	106.00	+0.10	2.01
Special Sits	123.20	131.70	-1.10	2.74
US Smaller Cos	66.81	71.45	-1.62	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	225.90	237.80	-0.20	1.51
Capital Gwth	99.78	105.00	...	2.56
Inv Trusts	112.00	117.90	...	0.81
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.44	21.85	+0.12	2.16
Special Features	25.11	26.67	-0.31	1.84
-do- Acc	29.45	31.29	-0.37	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.38	52.94	-0.68	2.74
Assets Earnings	67.35	71.55	-0.97	2.18
do Acc	78.50	83.40	-1.13	2.18
Managed Invest	74.60	79.75	-1.74	1.46
Rupert Children	72.10	76.98	-1.11	1.87
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.31	51.31	+0.02	5.86
Extra Inc	73.37	79.20	-0.67	5.00
Gilt	26.80	28.21†	-0.01	7.38
Income Gth	35.78	38.30	-0.53	3.71
Midastar	74.24	76.18	+0.01	8.65
Preference	17.06	18.12†	-0.05	7.42
UK Income	284.10	303.90	-3.40	3.79
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	47.53	50.50†	-0.63	2.04
Property Shares	51.24	54.44	-0.09	2.58
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	131.00	137.60	-1.30	3.77
European Acc	97.66	103.60	-1.10	2.20
European Dist	92.98	98.66	-1.07	2.20
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	45.45	48.39	-0.88	1.05
European Perf	91.31	96.95	-0.92	1.43
-do- Acc	93.01	98.76	-0.94	1.43
Euro Small Cos	17.03	18.14	-0.11	1.09
French Growth	59.70	63.36	-0.67	0.83
-do- Acc	63.12	66.99	-0.71	0.83
Hong K/China	34.13	37.94†	-0.36	1.95
Intl Growth	44.18	46.94	-0.68	0.93
-do- Acc	44.18	46.94	-0.68	1.13
Japan Perf	23.50	24.96	-0.50	...
Accum Units	23.80	24.96	-0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	29.39	36.94	-0.44	...
Singapore Asean	61.02	66.13	-1.51	0.75
-do- Acc	61.40	66.54	-1.51	0.75
South East Asia	183.30	197.50	-1.50	1.07
US Smllr Cos	103.00	109.40	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	104.10	110.60	-2.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	72.04	77.73†	-0.97	3.06
Intl Bond	53.03	54.63	-0.61	6.80
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.34	68.68†	+0.03	6.60
Extra Income	47.75	50.80†	-0.75	7.58
Gilt Yield	115.60	121.90†	-0.20	8.37
Global Income	172.50	183.80†	+0.41	4.66
High Yield	119.80	127.50†	-2.12	6.85
Smllr Cos Div	40.34	42.92	-1.95	6.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	82.57	87.84	-1.84	...
North American	69.76	74.23†	-1.59	0.26
European	114.10	121.40†	-1.30	0.98
Euro Special	69.09	73.50	-0.28	1.13
General	258.80	275.30	-3.30	3.50
Japan	286.80	304.90	-4.40	...
Japanese Special	152.60	162.30	-2.60	...
Master Acc	195.90	208.40	-2.50	1.59
Pacific	208.80	222.10	-2.20	0.42
Smaller Cos	88.41	94.05†	-1.26	2.46
UK Equity Gth	31.81	33.84	-0.57	2.93
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	64.58	68.70†	-0.63	0.99
Extra Income	22.93	24.39†	-0.11	3.76

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	20.70	22.02	-0.21	0.98
Income Gwth	69.04	73.45	-0.34	3.03
Intl Growth	45.15	48.03	-0.53	1.00
Japan	46.37	49.33	-0.86	...
Maximum Dist*	100.90	103.50	-0.10	8.33
N Amer Equity	36.88	39.23†	-0.67	0.45
UK Equity	82.05	87.29	-0.11	2.90
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	49.84	53.02†	-1.05	5.02
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	401.40	427.00	-5.30	3.09
Equity Acc	755.90	804.10	-9.90	3.09
Equity Income	84.13	89.50†	-1.33	4.67
European	83.71	89.05	-1.15	1.98
Far Eastern	139.90	148.80	-1.80	0.38
Fixed Interest	48.56	51.66†	+0.07	8.75
Gilt	88.13	93.46	-0.10	6.49
Global Growth	55.21	58.73†	-0.75	1.14
Intl Bond	52.40	55.75	-0.70	5.61
Japanese	49.31	52.46	-1.04	...
Overseas Equity	81.26	86.45†	-1.24	0.89
Pacific Gth	68.35	72.71	-0.60	1.43
North American	127.10	135.20	-2.70	1.38
UK Recovery	69.89	74.35	-0.70	3.20
UK Smllr Cos	92.83	98.76†	-0.08	2.49
Worldwide	68.33	72.69	-0.76	3.03
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834315				
Balanced	298.50	317.60	-1.40	3.12
-do- Acc	646.30	687.60	-3.00	3.12
Contl Euro Gth	45.01	47.38	-0.62	1.62
-do- Acc	47.60	50.11	-0.65	1.62
Extra Inc	225.10	239.50	-1.00	4.27
-do- Acc	547.40	582.40	-2.50	4.27
German Gth	86.94	91.52	-1.14	0.34
-do- Acc	91.17	95.97	-1.20	0.34
Income	423.70	450.80	-1.20	4.00
-do- Acc	1073.0	1142.0	-3.00	4.00
Japan Growth	68.92	73.32	-1.12	0.01
-do- Acc	69.16	73.58	-1.12	0.01
Master Trust	48.45	51.55	-0.20	1.24
-do- Acc	52.70	56.07	-0.21	1.24
N American Gen	172.90	184.00	-4.60	0.01
-do- Acc	199.70	212.50	-5.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	126.30	134.40	-3.60	0.01
-do- Acc	128.60	137.20	-3.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	169.50	180.40	-0.90	0.60
-do- Acc	178.50	189.70	-1.10	0.60
Small Cos Rec	272.90	287.20	-8.20	2.59
-do- Acc	352.00	370.60	-10.60	2.59
UK Growth	74.06	78.79†	-0.33	2.41
-do- Acc	86.36	91.88	-0.37	2.41
Worldwide Gth	244.20	259.80	-2.60	0.40
-do- Acc	359.80	382.80	-3.80	0.40
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	73.93	79.32	-0.30	3.10
Income	55.14	59.16	+0.01	6.40
International	49.63	53.25	-0.70	0.90
American	55.85	59.92†	-1.08	0.40
Japan	36.26	38.91	-0.60	...
TR of Inv Trusts	48.45	51.98	+0.05	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	360.80	381.30	-5.80	0.81
-do- Acc	444.20	469.50	-7.20	0.81
American Rec	351.30	371.30	-5.50	0.78
-do- Acc	401.90	425.00	-6.30	0.78
Am Sm Co Acc	111.00	117.30	-2.50	...
Australia Acc	116.20	122.80	-0.90	1.99
Capital	564.80	597.30	+0.30	3.57
-do- Acc	615.00	650.40	+0.30	3.57
Commodity Acc	332.30	351.50	-1.30	1.72
Compnd Gth	752.90	796.20	+4.00	3.52
Dividend	31.00	33.20	-0.10	5.01
-do- Acc	120.80	129.30	-0.30	5.01
Equity Inc	258.80	276.90	+0.10	6.21
European Div	51.10	54.50	-0.20	5.36
-do- Acc	57.00	60.90	-0.20	5.36
European Gen	331.80	353.40†	-0.90	1.83
-do- Acc	414.50	441.50	-1.10	1.83
Extra Yield	326.00	348.60	-2.10	6.31
-do- Acc	936.80	1002.5	-6.10	6.33
Far Eastern	225.90	238.90	-3.20	1.51
-do- Acc	296.30	313.40	-4.10	1.51
Fund of Inv	437.10	462.20	+0.60	2.76
-do- Acc	788.70	834.00	+1.00	2.76
General	48.90	51.70†	-0.30	4.23
-do- Acc	128.80	136.20	-0.70	4.23
Gilt Fxd Int	60.40	60.40	-0.10	9.26
do Acc	147.00	147.10	-0.20	9.26
Gold	29.60	31.60†	-0.40	2.66
-do- Acc	35.00	37.00	-0.50	2.66
High Inc	21.60	23.00†	-0.20	5.59
-do- Acc	79.80	84.90	-1.20	5.59
Intl Growth	60.10	64.00	-0.60	1.18
-do- Acc	103.30	110.00	-1.10	1.18
Intl Inc	78.40	83.50	-0.60	3.55
Japan Gen Acc	36.50	38.70	-0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	103.90	109.60†	-1.60	0.08
Midland	45.20	47.80	...	5.09
-do- Acc	142.90	151.20	...	5.09
Recovery	31.60	33.80†	-0.10	3.75
-do- Acc	49.80	53.20	-0.10	3.75
Second Gen	53.50	56.60†	...	4.31
-do- Acc	130.80	138.40	...	4.31
Smaller Cos	52.10	55.10	+0.30	4.21
-do- Acc	97.10	102.70	+0.70	4.21
Trustee	34.50	36.50	-0.10	4.59
Charibond 3	†109.43	...	-0.20	9.85
Charifund 2	573.30	579.10	-1.60	5.57
Pension ex 1	799.80	819.80	-1.50	4.81
NAACIF Inc 3	944.00	...	...	8.28
-do- Acc 3	†1012.7	...	...	8.28
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	123.30	131.90†	-1.05	2.79
-do- Acc	136.90	146.40†	-1.05	2.79
UK Income	102.00	109.10†	-1.27	3.40
-do- Acc	113.90	121.80†	-1.37	3.40
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	67.00	71.65	-0.26	0.70
Far East (Pacific)	105.50	111.90	-0.80	0.51
Income Growth	67.30	71.44	-0.09	5.87
European	58.27	61.85	-0.31	1.58
Nth American	51.79	54.97	-0.93	1.31
UK Growth	71.42	76.24	-0.14	1.62
Intl Growth	78.35	83.17	-0.96	0.66
Charities	102.30	108.50	-0.40	4.62
Intl Income	58.70	62.31†	-0.22	4.42
Japan	36.90	39.17	-0.58	0.15
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	176.70	187.70	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	188.90	200.60	-2.60	...
Cash	101.40	101.40	-0.10	7.11
-do- Acc	127.20	127.20	...	7.11
European Gth	171.30	181.80	-1.20	0.36
-do- Acc	183.60	194.40	-1.20	0.36
General	436.80	466.00	-2.50	2.75
-do- Acc	819.10	873.80	-4.40	2.75
Global Dist	128.60	131.90	-0.30	3.60
-do- Acc	137.70	144.60	-0.30	5.60
Income	129.70	138.40†	-0.90	5.26
-do- Acc	186.30	199.00†	-1.30	5.26
International	325.70	347.00	-4.10	1.20
-do- Acc	432.40	460.60†	-5.40	1.20

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	136.30	144.30†	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	139.90	148.10†	-1.90	...
New Europe	121.10	129.20	-0.20	1.55
-do- Acc	121.10	129.20	-0.20	1.55
Recovery	264.20	281.90	-0.70	3.39
-do- Acc	330.10	352.20	-0.90	3.39
European Inc	65.82	69.74†	-0.21	3.37
-do- Acc	83.90	88.47†	-0.27	3.37
Brit Blue Chip	68.41	72.91	-0.27	3.66
-do- Acc	80.11	85.40	-0.32	3.66
Portfolio	68.73	73.16	-0.30	3.39
-do- Acc	77.02	81.98	-0.34	3.30
Gold General	47.94	51.14	-0.57	4.75
-do- Acc	48.60	51.84	-0.58	4.75
Pacific	74.92	79.92	-0.47	0.72
-do- Acc	79.20	84.48	-0.50	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	45.74	48.79	+0.38	1.83
-do- Acc	50.85	54.25	+0.48	1.83
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	54.21	57.98	-0.46	3.66
-do- Acc	54.21	57.98	-0.46	3.66
British Dist	73.61	78.73	-1.08	2.74
-do- Acc	81.30	86.95	-1.21	2.74
European Gth	145.80	155.80†	-1.00	0.29
-do- Acc	183.00	195.50	-2.80	0.29
Extra High Inc	63.04	67.43†	-0.34	6.99
-do- Acc	110.00	117.60	-0.50	6.99
Gilt Fixed Inc	54.74	57.05†	-0.07	7.32
-do- Acc	142.10	148.30	-0.20	7.32
High Yield	199.10	212.90	-1.80	5.51
-do- Acc	456.70	488.50	-4.20	5.51
Income	206.70	224.90	-3.90	4.44
-do- Acc	526.90	563.50	-8.00	4.44
Japan Gth	241.20	257.90	-4.10	...
-do- Acc	254.60	272.20	-4.30	...
Mandarin Acc	79.60	85.13	-0.57	1.44
North American	152.60	163.20†	-3.30	0.44
-do- Acc	191.80	205.10	-4.20	0.44
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0723				
American Gth	237.20	252.60†	-4.40	0.50
Cash Inc	100.04	100.04	+0.04	6.26
Cash Acc	120.80	120.80†	+0.04	6.26
Euro Gth Acc	215.90	230.80†	-2.10	...
Europa	99.30	105.90	...	...
Intl Gth	144.80	154.50	-2.50	...
Japan Tracker	52.97	56.12	-1.03	...
UK Equity Inc	133.20	143.60	-0.90	5.47
-do- Acc	160.40	172.90	-1.10	5.47
UK Ind Tracker	135.10	144.80	-0.60	3.65
US Eq Ind Trkr	176.70	188.90	-3.10	1.40
-do- Acc	185.90	198.70	-3.30	1.40
Asian Trader	119.70	129.80	-1.30	1.20
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	161.40	164.90	-2.80	3.01
European	53.49	54.66	-0.60	1.37
Olympiad	47.08	48.25	-0.71	0.81
Global Bond	45.76	46.23	-0.54	5.72
Smaller Cos	55.61	58.01	+0.08	2.03
Equity Income	86.92	89.50†	-0.45	5.13
UK Growth	79.17	81.20	-0.17	1.85
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	43.77	46.68	-0.74	0.77
Australian Acc	244.20	262.10	-2.10	...
Conscience	59.23	63.20†	-0.35	1.46
-do- Acc	63.35	67.82	-0.60	1.46
European	151.10	161.10	-1.00	1.34
-do- Acc	161.20	171.90	-1.00	1.34
Extra Income	68.45	73.03	-0.56	6.10
-do- Acc	102.40	109.20	-0.90	6.10
Far East Gth	123.90	132.40	-3.30	0.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.82	60.15	-0.08	7.66
Gold	24.70	26.35	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	26.60	28.60	-0.20	...
Income	47.93	51.12†	-0.74	5.58
-do- Acc	143.60	153.10	-2.30	5.58
International	25.70	27.57	-0.33	0.98
-do- Acc	36.92	39.61	-0.48	0.98
Jap Sm Cos Acc	224.90	239.80	-2.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	128.90	139.20	-3.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.32	23.99†	+0.02	2.00
Special Sits	29.74	31.97	-0.67	1.91
-do- Acc	33.94	36.49	-0.76	1.91
Tokyo	58.77	62.68	-1.53	...
-do- Acc	59.37	63.32	-1.54	...
US Smllr Co Acc	97.99	104.80	-1.90	...
UK Equity	149.90	159.80†	-2.40	3.14
-do- Acc	277.90	296.40	-4.80	3.14
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	63.41	67.46	-1.03	3.08
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.30	75.51	-0.17	7.12
N&P Higher Inc	164.10	174.20†	-0.60	5.60
N&P UK Income	91.81	98.20†	-1.10	4.46
N&P Intl	78.21	84.10	-1.20	2.39
N&P Smaller Cos	62.71	67.07	-1.80	2.05
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	145.50	154.89	-1.28	3.87
Global	232.50	247.35	-3.61	1.69
Income	180.43	191.95†	-1.16	4.98
Intl Bond	115.25	122.61	-1.51	7.77
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6SR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	130.30	137.10†	-0.30	2.99
-do- Acc	225.60	237.50	-0.50	2.99
Income	201.20	214.00	-1.20	4.08
Intl Equity	188.10	200.00	-2.70	1.28
-do- Acc	205.90	219.00	-2.90	1.28
Equity	204.30	217.30†	-0.90	2.78
-do- Acc	414.30	440.70	-1.80	2.78
UK Intl 25 Acc	63.34	67.27	-0.40	2.23
UK Income	55.21	58.73†	-0.28	3.54
UK Smllr Co Acc	62.18	66.14	+0.28	2.12
New Europe Acc	54.74	58.23	-0.52	1.74
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	71.92	76.92	-0.41	0.39
PEP Gth Inc	86.39	92.40	-1.32	1.64
Intl Gth	402.48	430.46	-4.81	0.99
W wide Recov	247.05	264.23	-3.07	1.23
American Gth	181.02	193.61	-1.92	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	149.05	159.42	-1.36	0.69
Far East Gth	152.43	163.03	-2.34	0.37
European Gth	96.45	103.16	-1.22	1.77
UK Growth	67.87	72.38	-0.29	3.95
High Income	70.32	75.21†	-0.94	5.32
Japanese Gth	145.12	154.74	-1.85	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	150.20	159.80	-2.20	1.08
High Income	98.47	105.00	-0.80	4.13
Conv Gilt	103.50	110.10	-0.70	6.76
Far East	249.40	265.30	-4.10	0.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	45.77	48.69	-1.03	0.60
Emerging Mkt	50.81	54.05	-1.01	0.27

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	44.70	47.45†	-0.63	3.59
International	72.95	77.61	-1.20	1.47
Gilt Units	24.83	25.60	-0.05	8.31
Global PEP	32.06	34.11	-0.49	2.29
Income Gth	57.89	61.59	-0.84	5.71
European	37.77	40.18	-0.44	1.32
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.37	25.90†	-0.09	6.42
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Priceback: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.49	28.33	-0.25	1.90
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.46	101.46	+0.04	6.22
-do- Acc	103.24	103.24	+0.04	6.22
Pru Equity	621.90	665.13	-7.84	2.81
Pru Equity Inc	74.63	79.81	-1.01	4.54
Pru European	150.22	160.66†	-1.78	2.10
Pru Global Gth	70.52	75.42	-0.88	1.70
Pru High Inc	79.73	85.27†	-0.70	5.73
Pru Intl	135.30	144.91†	-1.62	1.49
Pru Intl Sm Co	57.54	61.54	-0.63	1.05
Pru Japanese	127.39	136.24	-2.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	129.07	138.04	-2.50	0.51
Pru Pacific Mkt	61.70	65.98	-0.66	2.14
Pru Premr Inc	47.98	49.83†	-0.06	7.67
Pru Smllr Cos	73.61	78.72	+0.34	2.66
Pru Spec Sits	91.77	98.14†	-1.05	3.71
Pru UK Growth	103.52	110.71	-1.24	2.62
**Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	144.55	153.74	-0.83	3.98
Japan	195.63	209.78	-4.06	...
Major UK Cos	89.19	96.05†	-0.67	2.77
America Income	423.41	453.85	-8.09	0.72
-do- Acc	491.80	527.14	-9.41	0.72
Smllr UK Cos	220.80	230.32	+0.83	2.14
Smllr European	215.05	229.26	-1.54	1.84
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929				
Amer Inc Gth	65.34	69.51	-0.86	3.45
Capital Units	129.00	137.20†	-1.60	1.70
Commodity	82.31	87.56	-1.63	1.30
European Gth	132.50	141.00	-0.80	1.24
Financial Sec	148.60	158.00	-1.60	2.39
High Return	199.10	211.80†	-0.30	5.13
High Yield	196.90	209.40	-1.10	4.77
Income Units	100.70	107.10	...	7.65
Investment	150.40	160.00	+0.50	1.85
Japan Gth	100.90	107.30	-1.50	...
Japan Smaller	139.10	147.90	-2.40	...
Masterfund	40.27	42.84†	-0.37	1.36
Scotbits	216.40	230.20†	-2.50	2.40
Scotshares	236.30	251.30†	+1.10	4.15
Scotyields	214.30	227.90	-0.40	4.42
Select Intl	113.60	120.80	-1.90	0.76
Smaller Cos	197.20	209.70	+0.90	4.89
Special Situation	100.20	106.50	+0.10	0.90
UK Equity	211.10	224.50	-0.70	3.31
US Growth	128.40	136.50	-2.90	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	222.73	237.57	-2.28	0.62
-do- Acc	240.62	256.66	-2.42	0.62
Australian	109.42	116.71	-0.65	0.30
-do- Acc	127.80	136.32	-0.76	0.30
UK Enterprise	184.77	197.08†	-2.99	3.92
-do- Acc	213.41	227.64	-3.45	3.92
European Gth	53.87	57.46†	-0.64	1.43
-do- Acc	55.77	59.48	-0.66	1.43
Euro Smllr Cos	47.66	50.83†	-0.27	0.83
-do- Acc	48.03	51.23	-0.27	0.83
Far Eastern Gth	55.35	59.03	-0.61	...
-do- Acc	56.24	59.98	-0.63	...
Fixed Interest	51.31	54.11	-0.09	7.08
-do- Acc	61.47	64.81	-0.12	7.08
Gilt Income	100.89	106.33	-0.28	8.80
-do- Acc	136.41	143.76	-0.37	8.80
Income	276.66	295.10	-4.98	4.51
-do- Acc	801.34	854.75	-14.44	4.51
Japan Enterprise	46.81	49.93	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	46.81	49.93	-0.49	...
Japan Smllr Cos	293.32	313.00†	-2.94	...
-do- Acc	295.91	315.63	-2.94	...
Pacific Gth	72.25	77.06	-0.16	0.90
-do- Acc	74.00	78.92	-0.17	0.90
Smaller Cos	163.48	174.37†	+0.23	1.76
-do- Acc	187.35	199.83	+0.26	1.76
Tokyo	75.98	81.04	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	76.75	81.86	-1.21	...
UK Equity	188.10	200.64†	-3.20	3.41
-do- Acc	348.32	371.54	-5.93	3.41
US Smllr Cos	113.34	120.78	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	113.24	120.78	-1.10	...
World Fd	63.73	67.97	-0.88	1.92
-do- Acc	66.67	71.12	-0.91	1.93
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	38.66	41.17	-0.36	5.23
Equity Strategy	58.26	62.05	+0.13	2.89
European Opps	62.90	66.98	-0.69	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.24	102.88	+0.04	6.74
UK Smaller Cos	44.60	47.50	+0.68	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	322.30	344.70	-6.10	3.34
American	228.20	242.30	-4.80	1.01
Pacific	252.10	269.60	-3.00	0.64
European	392.50	410.80	-4.40	1.40
Worldwide	70.53	75.43	-0.85	1.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	288.90	307.40†	-0.80	3.13
UK Sm Cos Eqty	182.60	194.30†	-0.10	3.09
European	289.40	307.90	-3.10	1.60
North American	234.10	249.10	-4.10	0.62
Income Plus Inc	59.54	63.35	+0.07	4.18
UK Spec Sits	62.50	66.49	-0.21	2.63
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.82	25.49	-0.11	3.39
Intl Growth Acc	24.14	25.84	-0.27	1.84
Global Inc Acc	28.23	30.22†	-0.34	4.08
Market Ldrs Acc	24.32	26.03	-0.17	3.37
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	77.14	82.50	-1.86	...
Euro Spec Sits	27.63	29.98	-0.38	...
-do- Acc	39.85	42.33	-0.40	...
Far East Opps	25.57	27.63†	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	26.28	28.39	-0.51	...
General Growth	93.16	100.10	-1.20	2.55
Global Tech	121.60	122.60†	-2.20	...
Income Growth	92.74	99.62	-1.38	4.20
Income Monthly	53.76	57.49	-0.28	6.04
Japan Growth	58.39	62.08†	-1.07	...
Overseas Gth	65.06	69.24†	-1.20	...
Smaller Cos	63.94	68.75	+0.27	2.22
Special Opps	84.26	90.62	+0.61	2.54
Wld Spec Sits	39.10	42.11†	-0.43	...
-do- Acc	39.19	42.21†	-0.43	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.69	43.24	-0.30	1.81
Equity Gth Acc	56.63	60.17	-0.10	1.12

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Bn General	40.32	42.85	-0.30	2.45
-do- Acc	52.92	56.23	-0.30	2.45
European Acc	36.74	39.04	-0.20	1.37
Far East Acc	42.33	44.98	-0.60	0.41
Gth Fxd Int Inc	29.48	31.18	-0.10	0.97
N American Acc	41.88	44.50	-0.31	0.95
Gth Lgr Cos Acc	231.40	251.10	-2.20	1.70
UK Eq High Inc	33.01	35.08	-0.30	4.01
-do- Acc	38.60	41.08	-0.40	4.01
UK Lgr Cos Inc	277.90	301.60	-1.70	3.87
UK Lgr Cos Acc	357.50	387.90	-2.30	3.87
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD [illegible] Court, 20 [illegible] Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.26	N283.47†	...	0.89
US Eq	$1.804	$1.981	...	0.99
Far East Eq	Y198.0	Y210.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y197.2	Y209.5	...	...
FT Europe	103.60	110.30	...	1.16
FT North Am	$1.666	$1.770	...	0.87
FT Japan	Y193.6	Y205.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.70	107.00	...	1.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	327.40	347.30	-1.50	0.31
British	887.30	938.80	-6.20	4.81
European	326.90	346.00	-1.70	1.84
Japan	106.10	112.90	-1.60	...
New Pacific	252.50	268.90	-3.00	1.58
Mngd Cash	95.49	95.49†	...	6.48
Majority Stg	99.64	100.64†	+0.04	6.23
Inv Tst	163.60	173.40	-0.50	2.23
Saints PPP	329.00	346.40	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	686.70	734.40†	+3.00	2.39
N America Acc	102.60	109.70†	-2.10	0.38
Far East Acc	97.71	104.50†	-2.80	0.27
W'wide Bond	56.42	59.89	-0.76	5.57
European	71.59	76.35	-0.68	0.80
Equity Income	75.28	80.51†	-0.71	4.06
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	31.92	34.14	-0.55	0.68
Managed Assets	110.21	117.89†	-0.70	3.89
UK Income	34.03	36.40†	-0.29	4.12
UK Growth	34.24	36.63	-0.22	2.80
Worldwide Gth	26.76	28.63	-0.36	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	183.71	195.44	-3.74	0.26
-do- Acc	201.77	214.65	-4.11	0.26
British Gth	79.59	84.67	-2.62	2.28
-do- Acc	92.87	98.80	-3.06	2.28
European	79.38	84.65	-1.53	0.78
-do- Acc	83.94	89.30	-1.62	0.78
Extra Inc	167.55	178.24	-2.36	4.94
-do- Acc	263.03	279.82	-3.71	4.94
General Unit	246.94	262.70†	-7.69	2.76
-do- Acc	487.15	518.24	-9.10	2.76
Income	294.38	313.17	-5.66	3.95
-do- Acc	599.61	637.88	-11.54	3.95
International	434.77	462.46	-6.72	0.70
-do- Acc	568.24	604.51	-8.78	0.70
Pacific	276.89	294.56	-0.57	0.06
-do- Acc	289.98	308.49	-0.60	0.06
Premier Income	48.45	51.51	-0.12	7.48
-do- Acc	100.00	104.17	-0.25	7.48
Nat Resources	78.83	83.86	-2.08	...
-do- Acc	86.44	91.96	-2.28	...
Selected Opps	87.15	92.71	-2.27	1.26
-do- Acc	108.82	115.77	-2.84	1.26
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	111.30	119.10†	-2.30	0.44
Australia	6.019	6.450	-0.05	1.24
Equity	168.00	180.00†	-2.80	3.69
Euro Spec Sits	125.50	133.20	-1.90	0.68
Financial	34.10	36.55	-0.42	2.52
Global Opps Inc	78.00	83.51	-1.36	2.41
-do- Acc	80.85	86.56	-1.31	2.41
Gold Gen Inc	34.72	37.20	-0.50	1.18
-do- Acc	66.35	71.08	-0.95	1.18
Income	108.70	116.40†	-1.80	5.32
Japan General	108.60	115.60	-2.30	...
Preference	20.60	22.15†	-0.09	8.19
UK Capital	96.52	103.40†	-1.10	3.28
Worldwide Cap	179.60	192.10	-2.60	3.35
World Income	73.84	78.72†	-1.34	3.86
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smi Cos	72.86	77.73	-1.26	...
-do- Acc	75.17	80.18	-1.30	...
Cash	50.70	50.79	+0.02	7.00
-do- Acc	60.46	60.46	+0.03	7.00
European Opps	53.97	57.54	-0.50	0.51
-do- Acc	54.53	58.12	-0.50	0.51
Far East Opps	120.94	129	-1.21	0.75
-do- Acc	123.75	132	-1.25	0.75
Gold/Nat Res	31.07	33.14	-0.39	...
-do- Acc	31.96	34.09	-0.40	...
Japan	57.00	60.70	-1.11	...
-do- Acc	57.00	60.70	-1.11	...
Little Dragons	56.34	60.09	-0.20	0.83
-do- Acc	57.79	61.64	-0.20	0.83
Oriental Income	35.63	38.02	-0.13	4.18
-do- Acc	44.09	47.98	-0.18	4.18
Tiger	179.73	191.71	-3.56	1.37
-do- Acc	187.99	200.52	-0.62	1.37
UK Small Cos	60.48	64.68	+0.38	2.52
-do- Acc	69.34	74.16	+0.32	2.52
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	208.50	222.40	-1.00	4.77
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.10	9.68	-0.08	0.30
Pacific Basin	26.62	28.31	-0.30	0.80
Canadian Gth	31.69	33.71	-0.32	...
Global Bond	30.945	30.987	+0.001	7.43
Penny Share	18.83	20.03	-0.04	1.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.91	51.91†	...	6.92
Gilt Growth	43.17	45.74†	-0.03	...
Gilt Income	50.73	52.78†	-0.05	8.04
Short Dtd Gilt	102.30	108.70	-0.10	6.47
US Govtmt Bd	30.704	30.713	+0.001	...
Challenger	87.32	90.35	-0.69	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388044				
Stockmarket Fd	63.06	68.04	-0.80	2.34

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Tomkins climbs to £47m

City awaits plans for Ranks Hovis

By George Sivell, City Editor

TOMKINS, the conglomerate that recently acquired Ranks Hovis McDougall, yesterday maintained a discreet silence on its plans for baking.

Greg Hutchings, the chief executive of Tomkins, is not expected to comment on plans for RHM until the April year-end. Advisers to Tomkins believe that Mr Hutchings spoke too early after the Pegler acquisition in 1986.

He secured control of RHM only in the second week of December and will not have had sufficient time to assess the business yet. But pressure is mounting on Tomkins as the bread market, dominated by RHM and Associated British Foods, faces the triple pressures of overcapacity, rising wheat prices and a growing number of independents with lower overheads.

Grain for delivery in April, May and June of 1992 cost around £140 a tonne one year ago. At the moment wheat for delivery in April, May or June 1993 is changing hands at around £175 a tonne.

Yesterday, Tomkins reported a 7.6 per cent rise in profits to £47.1 million for the six months to end-October. Helping the figures was net interest income of £6.29 million, up from £4.15 million last time. Fully diluted earnings per share rose 8.2 per cent to 4.87p; the dividend rises 12.1 per cent to 1.805p.

Mr Hutchings said: "Tomkins has continued to outperform despite difficult market conditions. The recent statistics showing signs of recovery in the US are encouraging and our companies, with their high level of operational gearing, are well placed to take advantage of any improvement. The recent acquisition of RHM ... gives us exciting opportunities which we look forward to with enthusiasm."

For the full year, analysts are expecting Tomkins to report £170 million or £180 million, against £132 million last year. They expect earnings to be around 30.5p a share.

Tomkins stunned the City with a £925 million agreed cash bid for RHM in October, trumping Hanson's £780 million hostile bid. Ironically, Mr Hutchings arrived at Tomkins in 1983 after three years as Lord Hanson's British corporate development manager.

After Tomkins declared its bid, it emerged that Mr Hutchings had been stalking RHM for a year and had had talks with Stanley Metcalfe, the RHM chairman, in August 1992. To fund the deal Tomkins raised £653 million from shareholders. At the time, analysts said Tomkins needed to show it could run a food company after its success in engineering.

In addition, Tomkins has inherited RHM's system of including a value for its home-grown brands in its balance sheet. Some companies, such as Grand Metropolitan, include brand valuations in their balance sheets but tend to do so only for brands acquired in the recent past. Tomkins does not produce year-end figures until July, when it is expected the Accounting Standards Board will have ruled on how companies may account for intangibles.

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Staying ahead: Greg Hutchings, yesterday, said Tomkins continued to outperform

Receivers are called in at the Trocadero

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

THE Trocadero shopping centre in London's West End has called in the receivers with debts of £175 million, the most prestigious casualty, after Canary Wharf, of the collapse in the property market.

Talks with banks over long-term lending facilities foundered when the Dublin-based Power Corporation, the parent company of the "Troc", refused to pump in more cash. As a result, Sanwa Bank, the biggest lender and leader of the banking syndicate, put in KPMG Peat Marwick as administrative receiver to the development.

The nearby Island Site, also owned by Power, was also put into receivership with debts of £55 million owed to Lloyds Bank.

Power bought out the 50 per cent holding in the "Troc" and the Island Site, then owned by Brent Walker, the property and leisure group, in March. Interim figures from Power show an Ir£79.4 million (£82.5 million) write-off against the full value of these properties in Power's books, which, together with losses of Ir£19.4 million in the six months to end-September, served to reduce shareholders' funds to Ir£135.6 million.

In its heyday the "Troc" and the Island site were said to be worth £350 million complete, but the downward spiral in the property market has left them with a value far short of this and some way short of the combined debts. Rental income is running at £9.5 million a year.

"To stay with it we really needed Sanwa to agree to the refinancing," said Nick Orme, a Power director and chief executive of its British operations. "It is a pity that it happens at this stage in the market, after so much toil and effort."

Philip Wallace of KPMG, joint receiver with Tim Hayward, said the eventual intention was to find a buyer for both properties, but this would most likely take months, if not years. Until then it will be business as usual for the "Troc's" 50-odd tenants.

The "Troc's" troubles deepened with a decision to develop an additional 70,000 sq ft of office space once the peak in the office market had passed. A bid to convert these into a further leisure attraction fell foul of the planning authorities in the last fortnight.

Having made no property sales during the first half and a pre-tax loss of Ir£19.4 million, against profits of Ir£5.1 million in the nine months to end-September 1991, the company is axing the interim dividend after an Ir2p payment last time.

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British Coal attacks power regulator over support for gas

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITISH Coal yesterday launched an unprecedented public attack on the regulator for the electricity supply industry, urging him to reconsider his support for the "dash-for-gas" in power generation.

British Coal's high-profile clash with Stephen Littlechild, director general of Offer, the electricity supply watchdog, is in line with similar criticisms from National Power and PowerGen, of his findings on the price of electricity.

In its response, Offer promised to arrange an early meeting with British Coal directors to discuss their criticisms which, it said, would be taken into account in its final statement on prices, expected later this month. That could signal a significant shift in Offer's assessment of the price of electricity generated from different fuels.

Last month, Professor Littlechild released an interim report on the regional electricity companies' purchase of electricity which, on the interpretation he and his officials placed upon it, was widely seen as supporting the growth of gas-fired power stations at the expense of coal.

BC managers believe that the Littlechild report was highly damaging to the case they were making to the government's coal industry review and the Commons' select committee enquiry into the future of coal.

A BC document sent to the select committee and Professor Littlechild says his report "entirely fails to examine why the new electricity market has failed to secure that the lowest avoidable-cost plant is used to provide baseload power, and what the price benefits to consumers would have been if this had been delivered by an efficient market".

BC says the regulator is "uncritical" of independent power producers and that its analysis of the RECs' contracts is "extremely superficial". It says Professor Littlechild failed to take full account of later coal price offers, and submits calculations showing that instead of 2.6p-3p per kilowatt hour from the independents and 3.26p/kWh from coal, the figures, using Offer's own assumptions, should be 3.19p/kwh for coal and 3.26p-3.66p/kwh for the independents. Calculated this way, BC says, the coal offer for the intermediate-load element of electricity demand is cheaper than the bottom of the range of the offers from competitor suppliers.

In a letter to Professor Littlechild, Neil Clarke, BC chairman, says the report and its accompanying interpretative press release came as a "shock" and contained "serious shortcomings". Mr Clarke attacks Professor Littlechild's "lack of analysis", his "arbitrary" assumptions, his failure to give "serious" consideration to a range of issues and his use of "very selective and dubious" examples to support the claim that gas-fired contracts were cheapest and coal contracts most expensive.

The result, Mr Clarke says, is that "coal is now widely portrayed as a proven expensive generation option", and that this "misconception" — which BC believes was promoted by Offer's press statement — "has served to confuse rather than inform".

Mr Clarke urges the regulator to take full account of BC's points in advance of the publication, later this month, of his full findings into the dash for gas.

Professor Littlechild would not comment yesterday on Mr Clarke's statements, though Offer said: "We will take account of the letter in our final statement on economic purchasing."

Profits at AG Barr nudge £6m

AG Barr, the Glasgow-based maker of Irn-Bru and Tizer soft drinks, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.97 million in the 53 weeks to end-October. This compares with a restated profit of £3.3 million in the previous 52 weeks.

Earnings per share were 21.67p (12.2p). A 4.75p final (4.3767p) makes a total for the year of 6.5p (5.46p).

The results were helped by a profit of £409,000 on the sale of an investment. Interest charges fell to £1.07 million (£1.5 million). The shares rose 4p to 339p.

EIO bid takers

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office has received acceptances for just over 48 per cent of shares in St Andrews Trust, taking it within a whisker of victory in its bid at the first closing date. EIO, an insurance group owned by Allchurches Trust, a registered charity, is bidding £44.1 million for St Andrews, an investment trust specialising in smaller companies. The offer has been extended until January 22.

Hadleigh exit

Hadleigh Industries Group, the USM-quoted supplier of transport and storage products and services, has lost its second finance director in less than a year. Nigel Davis has resigned "to pursue his own business interests". Hadleigh made a pre-tax loss of £357,000 (£535,000 loss) in the six months to end-September. There is no interim dividend (1.25p).

Mitie jumps

Mitie Group, the engineering to cleaning and building services company, bucked the trend with a 29.9 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £943,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover ahead 60.3 per cent to £35.6 million. The interim is being raised 20 per cent to 1.5p (1.25p). David Telling, chairman, is confident of continued progress. Mitie shares climbed 6p to 181p.

Consumers curb buying on credit

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

NOVEMBER provided evidence that consumers are not borrowing to finance their purchases despite some signs that they are beginning to dip cautiously into their pockets to start spending again.

Net consumer credit rose by only £15 million in November, against a rise of £76 million in October, according to government figures released yesterday. The small rise was far less than most economists had expected, with forecasts of a rise of nearer to £50 million.

Treasury officials noted that the full effects of the interest rate cut that accompanied the Autumn Statement were not felt in November. But they added that consumers were borrowing at a "steady" rate and continuing to make prudent reductions to their indebtedness.

Economists are waiting for December's consumer credit figures to see whether anecdotal reports of a surge in retail spending immediately before and just after Christmas are reflected in the figures.

The Central Statistical Office said that the amount of new credit advanced to consumers in the three months to December totalled £12.22 billion, against £12.16 billion in the previous three months, suggesting that the trend is flat.

☐ Sterling continued to make headway yesterday, after last week's sharp gains, and the Irish punt managed to fend off the speculators for another day.

Currency trading was quieter than it has been for some time. The French franc continued to trade well above its floor in the exchange-rate mechanism after last week's signal of lower interest rates from the Bundesbank and even the dollar had a subdued day despite renewed tension in the Gulf.

At the close, sterling had gained more than a cent against the dollar to end at $1.5560 and added 2 pfennigs to close at about DM2.5325.

Devaluation lifts confidence among Britain's exporters

By Our Industrial Editor

BRITISH exporters are showing a sharp increase in confidence — encouraged mainly by sterling's devaluation, according to a survey. The findings were welcomed by the Institute of Export, which saw them as a clear sign of the impact of Britain's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The survey, carried out by Gallup among the directors of 500 UK manufacturing exporters, found confidence at its highest for a year. It was conducted between December 14 and December 21 for DHL, the express carrier, and showed that the expectations of 56 per cent of manufacturing exporters for the next three months are good or excellent.

This contrasts with the third quarter of last year, when only 44 per cent recorded such prospects. In addition, the latest survey showed 17 per cent with fair or poor export expectations, with the 27 per cent remainder having unchanged views.

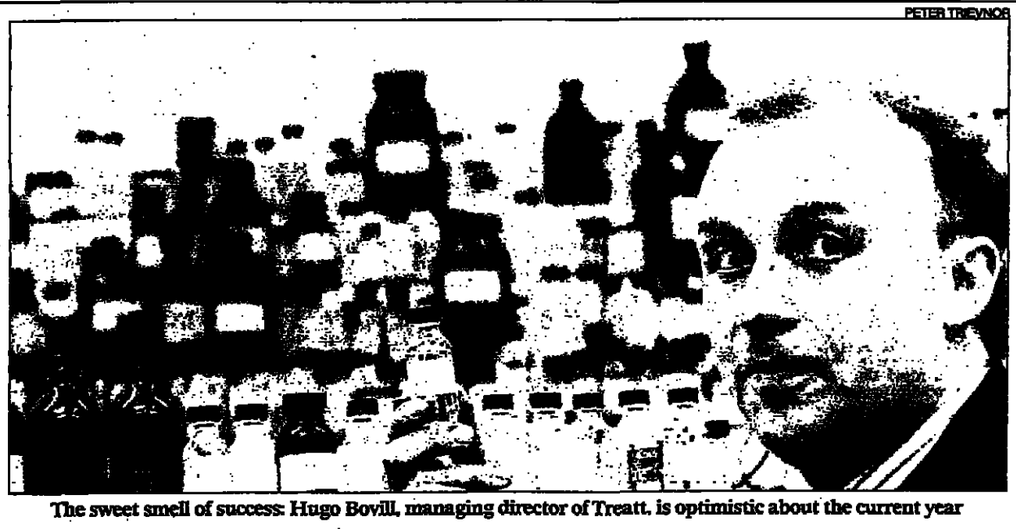
Forty-five per cent of those surveyed said devaluation had had a positive effect on export sales; the same proportion said lower exchange rates would be the single most important factor affecting export performance over the next quarter.

Export expectations over the next 12 months have also reached a new high, 68 per cent rating them as good or excellent, and only 12 per cent seeing them as poor. Almost a third said Britain was ahead of its competitors in coming out of the world recession.

Peter Hoffman, DHL managing director, said: "Stability is the key to export confidence and the upturn in expectations probably reflects optimism about stability as much as it does evidence of increased orders."

Ian Campbell, director general of the Institute of Export, said the institute was delighted to note the first indications of increasing confidence among exporters. "Clearly, the effects of sterling's devaluation are starting to be reflected in new export orders."

PETER TRIEVNOR



The sweet smell of success: Hugo Bovill, managing director of Treatt, is optimistic about the current year

Treatt bucks the trend with 8% profits rise

ORGANIC growth and improved market share helped Treatt, the USM-quoted essential oils and aromatic chemicals group, buck the trend with an 8 per cent rise in full-year profits (Phillip Pangalos writes).

Pre-tax profits climbed to £1.27 million in the year to end-September, compared with £1.18 million, as a "substantial" improvement in market share worldwide helped turnover advance 34.5 per cent to £15.1 million. But increased costs and competitive pricing led to a decline in the net profit margin to 8.4 per cent, down from 10.5 per cent.

Geoffrey Bovill, chairman, said prices of essential oils generally declined over the year, mainly due to increased supply and lower demand. Losses at the group's Florida Treatt operation, which makes natural orange juice aromas, were reduced by 52 per cent to £107,000, on nearly doubled turnover and an expanded customer base.

Hugo Bovill, managing director, says: "We are optimistic for the current year. Supplying both the food and fragrance industry, we feel pretty recession resistant."

Gearing has been reduced to 5 per cent, down from 15 per cent. Earnings climbed 10 per cent to 9.37p (8.53p) a share. The higher 2.6p final dividend (2.4p), gives a total of 3.6p (3.4p).

Treatt shares rose 10p to 118p.

Edwards calls for licensed pits

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Coal's mines should be run under licence by private companies at the earliest opportunity, according to Malcolm Edwards, the corporation's former commercial director.

A switch to contractors, he said, would provide an early test of claims that the private sector could cut the cost of production and make it easy to retain a larger industry. He also dismissed suggestions that a large subsidy was needed to maintain a substantial indigenous coal industry, and argued that British Coal's market could be double the size of that envisaged under earlier closure plans.

Mr Edwards, who left British Coal reluctantly a year ago, has asked to run Markham Main colliery under licence, while at least one other pit on the British Coal closure list is understood to have attracted private sector interest.

However, the call for the introduction of widespread licensing adds to the pressure on the British Coal board to regain credibility after its October 13 announcement of plans to close 31 pits with the loss of 30,000 jobs.

Once the government's energy policy review is completed, at the end of this month, demands for private sector operators to be allowed to run surplus pits will become almost irresistible. The logic of maintaining a dominant state coal producer will also be called into question. An early and widespread extension of pit licensing would have many attractions, Mr Edwards said at a Coal Industry Society luncheon in London.

British Coal could be retained as the licensing authority, responsible for safety and for ensuring the development of reserves. Legislation to bring about the change would be minimal. This, Mr Edwards said, would provide a "simple, speedy, direct and certain route to a better solution than conventional privatisation can now offer".

The mines could supply far more than the 40 million tonnes envisaged by British Coal for 1993-4, he said. If commercial forces were given free rein, British Coal would capture part of the market now held by Nuclear Electric and Electricité de France.

Imports were likely to be lower, and a bigger volume of production would probably enable British Coal to retain a larger share of specialised markets.

While rejecting suggestions that a levy on power bills, equal to £10 a tonne, might be needed, Mr Edwards suggested part of the money raised by the so-called nuclear levy should be used to reduce polution from coal-fired power stations.

US approves KLM link

WASHINGTON yesterday gave KLM Royal Dutch Airlines formal approval fully to integrate services and operations with Northwest Airlines, the American carrier.

The transportation department's go-ahead for the tie-up, under which KLM holds 20 per cent of Northwest's common stock and 49 per cent of its preferred stock, contrasts with the US authorities' rejection of British Airways proposed $750 million offer for a 44 per cent stake in USAir.

It comes amid persistent reports that KLM is losing up to 2 million guilders (£700,000) a day.

Trencherwood agrees bank package

TRENCHERWOOD, the struggling property company quoted on the USM, plunged deeper into the red at the halfway stage, and has announced a refinancing package agreed with its bankers (Philip Pangalos writes).

The Berkshire-based group suffered a pre-tax loss of £16.4 million in the six months to end-April, against a loss of £3.5 million last time, as the recession continued to depress both residential and commercial property.

The losses were exacerbated by a £12.2 million exceptional charge, relating to provisions in respect of a joint venture. Turnover climbed to £9.63 million (£8.69 million). Trencherwood sold 78 homes in the first six months, compared with 137 homes in the comparative period.

The refinancing, which has been under discussion since last summer, involves swapping £17.2 million of debt for shares, giving the banks a substantial stake. They are providing working capital and loan facilities of about £30 million.

Trencherwood's loss per share deepened to 65.6p, against a deficit of 9.3p a share last time. Once again, the group is unable to pay an interim dividend.

The shares firmed ½p to 7p.

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Russia lifts oil exports as output declines

By Colin Narbrough

RUSSIA, the second biggest oil producer after Saudi Arabia, has boosted its oil exports to the world market, but the improvement appears to reflect lower deliveries in the former Soviet Union rather than the much-needed rise in output.

Provisional figures made available in Moscow yesterday showed that Russian crude oil exports to countries outside the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), which had fallen in recent years, jumped from 54.1 million tonnes in 1991 to 66.2 million tonnes last year. For this year, however, no real change is expected.

Although Moscow officials attribute much of the pick-up in valuable oil exports last year to new regulations, western oil analysts believe the fall in Russian domestic demand is freeing more oil for export.

Production figures for Russian oil and oil products showed a dramatic decline last year. Output dropped to 395.8 million tonnes from 460 million tonnes in 1991, as the vital industry failed to address its structural and technical problems.

Fergus McCleod, chief oil analyst at NatWest Securities in Edinburgh, said higher Russian exports were a "step in the right direction". But he said it did not represent a trend change and had largely been achieved by choking off soft rouble customers in favour of hard currency clients.

While Mr McCleod expected the pick-up in exports to provide welcome relief for the Russian government, he said Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, still faced the costly and more fundamental task of increasing output.

STOCK MARKET

Buyers put the brakes on over Budget tax rise fears

A NOTE of caution crept into the equity market as investors decided to apply the brake to their recent free-spending ways and sent share prices into a spin.

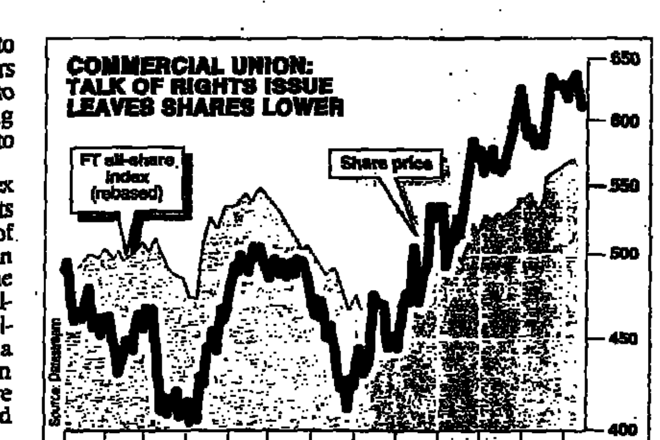
But the FT-SE 100 index managed to finish above its worst of the day with a fall of 25.8 to 2,773.4 having been almost 38 points off at one stage. Turnover reached almost 600 million shares bolstered by the completion of a sell programme started on Friday. But selling pressure had proved to be minimal and was easily absorbed.

An early setback for the March series of the future had also provided market-makers with the opportunity to mark prices lower in order to get some stock back on their books in the wake of the market's record-breaking run. Traders said there were also a number of negative factors that had deterred investors. These included worries about a rise in income tax in the next Budget and increased tension in both Bosnia and Iraq.

Concern that the City may soon be hit by a string of rights issues is also upsetting sentiment. Latest speculation suggests that **Commercial Union**, off 16p at 618p, is ready to ask shareholders for extra funds.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, reckons CU will be the most likley composite to ask for extra cash. Its shares have been a strong market of late but its solvency ratio remains low against rivals.

The stores sector was hit by the November consumer credit figures showing only a slight rise. Brokers said the figures confirmed consumers were too



worried about personal debt levels and losing their jobs to spend in the shops.

There were losses for **Amber Day**, 5p to 51p, **Argos** 7p to 269p, **Body Shop**, 10p to 164p, **Great Universal Stores A**, 37p to £16.73, **Kingfisher**, 4p to 567p, **Lloyds Chemists**, 11p to 267p, and **Ratners** 1¾p to 11¾p. **WH Smith A** fell 13p to 456p and **Boots** 9p to 500p as both companies decided to inject a further £15 million into their Do It All subsidiary. **Dixons** fell 12p to 262p before interim figures tomorrow. These are expected to show pre-tax profits down £17.6 million at about £13 million, after stripping out property profits.

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture group, fell 10p to 134p as it began a series of meetings with brokers. It is likely profit downgradings will arise after the meetings, but brokers and fund managers continue take a positive view of prospects under the new management.

Cadbury Schweppes was another depressed market, losing 7p at 455p on talk that Lehman International, the broker, has just finished downgrading its profit estimates.

Hanson dipped 1¼p to 236¼p after confirming it is in talks about swapping its gold mining interest for the coal interests of Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation. **Trafalgar House**, the construction group that owns the Cunard shipping line and Ritz hotel, eased 2p to 87p with the A a similar amount lighter at 85p. Alan Clements, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that the group could see no convincing signs of recovery in its key markets.

He gave a warning that the construction and engineering industries were entering increasingly difficult trading conditions although recent movements in interest rates and the dollar exchange rate would have a positive effect on its shipping, property and hotel interests.

Meanwhile, talk persists that Trafalgar House is contemplating a rights issue to bolster the balance sheet. The group has reaffirmed its commitment to cut gearing, but would only sell its hotels at the right price.

NFC, the road transport group, fell 7p to 276p after news that the chief executive would resign after next month's annual meeting for health reasons. He will be succeeded by Peter Sherlock.

The bears made short work of **Alexon**, the womenswear retailer, as the shares tumbled 17p to 82p on mounting fears that a statement on Christmas trading, expected soon, will make gloomy reading and prompt another cut in analysts' forecasts.

Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate that acquired Ranks Hovis McDougall, fell 11p to 246p after unveiling a 7.6 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £47 million.

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Helene, the womenswear supplier, firmed 1p to 23p following a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, which regards it as one of the better recovery plays in the sector. Laing is forecasting a strong recovery in profits this year and also expects the 1992 dividend payment to be maintained.

TOKYO

Investors prefer to stay on sidelines

Tokyo — Shares ended down but off their lows after program buying pushed the benchmark Nikkei average up from its morning lows in late trade, brokers said. Occasional buying from public pension and insurance funds also underpinned prices but most other investors were sidelined.

Hajime Nakajima, a broker at Cosmo Securities, said: "Buying orders were not very large, but even they could move prices because the market was so thin." He added that trading focused on small and regional issues.

The Nikkei average fell 45.14 points or 0.27 per cent to 16,589.55, with 120 million shares traded.

☐ Sydney — Australian shares bounced back at the close as buyers moved in to capitalise on three days of heavy losses. The All-ordinaries index had dipped sharply in the morning amid heavy futures selling. But it recovered to close 11.8 points up at 1,514.1, from a low of 1,487.6.

☐ Hong Kong — The blue chip Hang Seng index ended more than 2 per cent higher, on overseas buying. The index was up 135.37 points, or 2.45 per cent, at 5,664.93, at the close, just below the day's high reached in late afternoon.

☐ Singapore — Share prices slipped in thin trading as investors consolidated positions, brokers said. Sentiment was also dampened by a weaker Malaysian market under light institutional selling pressure, they added. The 30-share Straits Times industrial index fell 12.20 points to 1,543.96. Falls led gains by 192 to 38. *Reuter*

WORLD MARKETS

Dow reinforced by leading share gains

New York — Shares were firm in early trade, lifted by gains in two leading Dow industrial components that shifted the market last week, traders said. Philip Morris rose ⅝ to 75⅝ and IBM rose ½ to 47.

"There's nothing in particular going on. It looks like some bargain hunting and bottom fishing after Friday's sell-off," Kenneth Ducey, at BT Brokerage, said, referring to the Dow's 17 point Friday drop. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.81 to 3,252 in early trading, while gainers narrowly led losers in the broad market six to five.

☐ Frankfurt — German share prices ended mixed after a slow session which saw strength in the car sector provide support to the broader market, share traders said.

Short covering after early technical weakness also helped push the blue chip index up during the regular session.

Traders said there were no fundamental reasons for a strong move in any direction this week. But after losses late last week, continued hopes for near-term German interest rate cuts should provide support for the market, dealers said. The DAX index of 30 leading German shares closed 0.44 points higher at 1,531.96. *Reuter*

WALL STREET

	Jan 11 midday	Jan 8 close
AMP Inc	59¾	58¼
AMR Corp	69⅝	69⅝
Abbott Labs	29⅜	28⅞
Aetna Life	46⅝	46⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅜	18
Air Prod & Chem	47	47¼
Albertson's	48⅞	48
Alcan Alumnm	17⅜	17¼
Alco Standard	37⅝	37⅛
Allied Signal	58⅝	58
Alum Co of Am	70¼	70⅜
Amax	16⅞	16⅞
Amerada Hess	43⅜	44½
Amer Brands	37¼	37⅜
Amer Cyanamid	56	55⅞
Amer El Power	32⅝	32⅞
Amer Express	24⅝	25
Amer Genl Corp	56⅜	56⅜
Amer Home Pr	66⅝	69⅞
Amer Intl	113⅝	114
Amer Stores	41½	41½
Amer T & T	51⅛	51⅝
Ameritech	71½	71½
Amoco	48⅝	49¼
Anheuser-Busch	58⅜	57¼
Apple Computer	64	62⅝
Archer Daniels	27⅝	27
Arkla	7⅝	7¼
Armco	6⅜	6½
Armstrong Wrld	31½	31½
Asarco	25⅞	26¼
Ashland Oil	27¼	26⅝
Atl Richfield	110⅝	110¼
Auto Data Prd	51⅛	51⅛
Avery Dennison	27⅝	27⅜
Avon Products	52¼	52⅝
Baker Hughes	18⅝	18⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23⅝	22⅞
Banc One	50⅝	50⅝
BankAmerica	44⅝	43⅞
Bank of NY	52	52
Bankers Tr NY	67⅝	67
Barnett Banks	40⅞	40⅝
Bausch & Lomb	53⅝	53⅝
Baxter Intl	31⅛	31⅝
Bectn Dicknsn	78⅝	78⅝
Bell Atlantic	49⅝	49¼
BellSouth	52	52
Black & Decker	19⅝	19⅝
Block (H&R)	38⅛	39⅝
Boeing	38	38⅞
Boise Cascade	20½	21½
Borden Inc	28⅝	28⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	63⅝	62⅝
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	44⅝	44⅞
CBS	193⅛	191¼
CNA Financial	94⅝	94¼
CPC Intl	48⅝	47
CSX	72⅝	73¼
Campbell Soup	40⅝	40⅝
Can Pacific	12⅝	12⅝
Cpl Cities ABC	495⅝	493⅞
Cpl Holdings	72⅝	73
Carolina Pwr	54⅝	54⅝
Caterpillar	57⅝	57
Central & SW	28⅝	29⅝
Champion Intl	27⅝	28⅝
Chase Manhtn	28	27¼
Chemical Bk	38⅝	37⅝
Chevron Corp	68⅞	68¼
Chrysler	35⅞	36
Chubb Corp	84⅞	85¼
Cigna Corp	57⅝	57¼
Citicorp	21⅛	20⅞
Clorox	45⅝	45⅝
Coastal Corp	24	27⅞
Coca Cola	40⅝	40⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	54¼	54⅝
Columbia Gas	18⅞	18⅞
Commonw Ed	24⅝	24
Compaq Comp	49⅝	48⅞
Comp Ass Int	21⅝	21½
Conagra	31⅝	31⅝
Cons Edison	31⅝	31½
Cons Nat Gas	43⅝	44⅛
Cons Rail	51⅛	51⅛
Cooper Inds	48⅝	48⅝
Corning Inc	38⅝	38⅝
Crown Cork	40⅞	39⅞
Dana Corp	48⅝	47⅝
Dayton Hudson	75	75¼
Deere	45	45⅝
Delta Air Lines	52⅝	52⅝
Deluxe Corp	45⅞	45⅝
Detroit Edison	32⅝	32⅝
Digital Equip	35⅝	35
Dillard Dept St	48⅝	48⅞
Disney (Walt)	42⅝	43⅛
Dominion Res	38⅝	38⅞
Donelley (RR)	31⅝	31⅞
Dover Corp	46⅝	46⅞
Dow Chemicals	56⅝	57⅝
Dow Jones	28⅝	28⅞
Dresser	17⅝	17⅝
Duke Power	35⅝	35⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅞	58⅛
Du Pont	46⅞	46⅝
Eastman Kodak	43⅝	41⅝
Eaton Corp	81	81⅛
Emerson Elec	55⅛	55⅞
Engelhard Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Enron Corp	44⅝	44⅛
Entergy Corp	32⅞	32¼
Ethyl Corp	30⅝	29⅞
Exxon	60⅞	60¼
FMC Corp	50⅞	50⅞
FPL Group	36⅞	36⅞
Federal Express	55⅞	56⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	76½	75⅝
First Chicago	36⅞	36⅞
First Interstate	45⅞	45⅞
First Union Rlty	9⅝	9⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	32⅞	32
Fluor Corp	40	40⅞
Ford Motor	45⅝	45⅞
GTE Corp	34⅞	34⅝
Gannett	52½	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	31⅞	31⅞
Gen Cinema	36⅞	35½
Gen Dynamics	104	103⅞
Gen Electric	85⅞	85⅞
Gen Mills	67⅞	67⅞
Gen Motors	33⅞	33⅝
Gen Reinsurance	115½	114¼
Gen Signal	61⅛	61⅞
Genuine Parts	33⅞	34
Georgia Pac	59⅝	60½
Gillette	54⅝	54⅝
Glaxo ADR	22⅞	22¼
Goodrich (BF)	50⅞	51
Goodyear Tire	68⅝	68⅞
Grace (WR)	39⅞	39⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23⅞	23⅝
Great Wstn Fin	16⅞	16⅞
Halliburton	27	26⅞
Heinz (HJ)	42⅞	42⅞
Hercules	65	64⅝
Hershey Foods	47¼	47⅝
Hewlett Packard	71⅛	70⅝
Hilton Hotels	45⅝	45
Home Depot	63⅛	61⅞
Homestake	10⅝	10⅝
Honeywell	33⅞	33⅞
Household Intl	55⅞	54
Houston Inds	45⅝	45⅝
Humana	20	20⅞
ITT Corp	70⅞	70⅞
Illinois Tool	66	66½
INCO	22⅝	22⅝
Ingersoll Rand	31⅛	31⅛
Inland Steel	22⅞	22⅞
Intel Corp	101⅛	98⅞
IBM	48⅝	46⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	105	105⅝
Intl Paper	63⅞	64
James River Va	18⅝	18
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	47⅞	46⅝
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	63	63⅞
Kerr-McGee	43⅝	43⅝
Kimberly-Clark	59⅝	59⅝
Knight-Ridder	59⅞	59⅞
Lilly (Eli)	60⅝	60⅞
Limited Inc	28⅝	28⅝
LIN Brdcstng	76⅝	78¼
Lincoln Nat	72½	71
Litton	45⅝	45
Liz Claiborne	40⅝	41½
Lockheed Corp	54⅝	54⅝
Louisiana Pac	65⅝	66⅛
MCI Commun	40⅝	41⅛
Marriott	21⅛	21⅛
Marsh & McLen	88⅝	89
Martin Marietta	67⅞	67⅝
Masco Corp	30⅝	31½
May Dept St	70	70⅞
Maytag Corp	14⅝	14⅝
McCaw Cellular	34⅝	34⅝
McDonalds	49⅝	49⅞
McDonnell D	52½	52
McGraw Hill	60⅝	60
Mead Corp	38⅝	38⅞
Medtronic	88⅝	88⅝
Mellon Bk	51⅞	51⅛
Melville Corp	53⅞	53⅝
Merck Inc	42⅝	42⅞
Merrill Lynch	58⅝	58⅞
Minnesota Mine	99⅞	99⅝
Mobil Corp	63	62⅝
Monsanto	53⅝	53⅞
Morgan (JP)	63⅞	63⅛
Motorola Inc	111⅞	109⅞
Natl Medical	10⅝	9⅞
Natl Semi	11⅛	11⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	26⅝
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	32
NY Times A	27⅝	27⅝
Newmont Mng	39⅝	39⅝
Niag Mohawk	19⅝	18⅞
Nike B	80⅝	80
NL Industries	5⅝	6⅛
Nordstrom	38⅝	39
Norfolk Sthrn	64	63½
Nthn State Pwr	42⅝	42½
Norwest Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Nynex Corp	84½	84⅝
Occidental Pet	17⅝	17⅝
Ohio Edison	22⅝	22⅞
Oracle Systems	39⅞	39⅞
Oryx Energy Co	18⅞	18⅞
PNC Financial	37⅛	37
PPG Industries	65⅞	65⅞
Paccar Inc	58⅞	58⅞
Pacificorp	19⅞	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	19⅝	19⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	32⅞	32
Pac Telesis	43⅝	43⅝
Pall Corp	19⅞	19⅝
Panhandle East	18	17⅝
Paramount Comm	42⅝	42⅞
Parker Hannifin	32⅝	32⅝
Penney (JC)	73⅝	73⅞
Pennzoil	49⅞	49⅝
Pepsico	39⅞	39⅝
Pfizer	68⅝	68
Phelps Dodge	48	49⅞
Philadel Elec	25⅞	25⅝
Philip Morris	74⅞	74
Phillips Pet	25	24⅞
Pitney Bowes	39⅝	39⅝
Polaroid	28⅞	28⅝
Price Co	38⅞	38⅞
Primerica	49	49⅞
Procter & Gmbl	49⅝	49⅝
Pub Serv E & G	30⅝	30⅝
Quaker Oats	64⅞	62⅞
Ralston Purina	47⅝	47⅝
Raychem Corp	38⅞	39⅞
Raytheon	51½	51⅝
Reebok Intl	33⅝	33⅝
Reynolds Metals	55⅝	53⅞
Roadway Srvcs	67⅝	67⅝
Rockwell Intl	28⅞	28⅝
Rohm & Haas	54⅞	54⅝
Royal Dutch	80⅝	80⅞
Rubbermaid	31⅝	31⅛
Safeco Corp	57⅞	57⅝
St Paul's Cos	77⅞	76⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅞	37
Santa Fe S Pac	13⅛	13⅝
Sara Lee Corp	28	27⅝
Scecorp	43	41
Schering Plough	60	59⅞
Schlumberger	56⅞	55⅞
Scott Paper	35⅞	35⅞
Seagram	25	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	44⅞	44⅞
Shell Trans	49⅝	49⅞
Sherwin Wllms	30⅝	30⅞
Skyline Corp	21⅛	21⅛
Snap-On-Tools	30⅞	30⅞
Southern Co	37⅞	37⅞
Sthwestern Bell	73⅝	72⅝
Sprint Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Stanley Works	41⅞	41⅞
Sun Company	27⅝	27⅛
Suntrust	42⅝	42⅞
Supervalu	32⅝	32⅞
Syntex Corp	22⅝	22⅝
Sysco Corp	25⅝	25⅞
TRW Inc	59⅝	58⅛
Tandem Comp	16	15⅞
Tandy Corp	31⅛	30⅞
Telecom Corp	1⅛	1⅛
Teledyne	19	20⅞
Temple Inland	48⅞	48⅞
Tenneco	40⅞	40⅝
Texaco	58⅞	59⅝
Texas Inst	55⅞	54⅛
Texas Utilities	41½	41½
Textron	44⅛	44
Time Warner	30	30
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31⅛
Timken	26⅞	26⅝
Torchmark	56⅝	56⅞
Toys R Us	37⅞	37⅞
Transamerica	47	46⅞
Travelers Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Tribune	49⅝	48⅝
Tyco Labs	42	42⅞
UAL Corp	131⅛	130⅝
UST Inc	30⅞	31⅝
USX Marathon	17	16⅞
Unilever NV	103⅞	102⅞
Union Camp	44	44⅝
Union Carbide	16⅞	16⅞
Union Pacific	60⅝	60
Unisys Corp	10⅝	10⅞
USAIR Group	14⅛	14⅛
USF&G Corp	12⅝	11⅞
US Life	37⅝	37
US West	38⅛	38⅛
United Tech	48⅞	48⅝
Unocal Corp	23⅞	24
Upjohn	30⅞	30⅝
VF Corp	54⅛	54⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	59⅞	59⅞
Warner-Lambert	66⅞	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39⅝	38⅞
Wells Fargo	77⅞	77⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅛	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	37⅝	37⅝
Whirlpool	44	43⅞
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	76⅝	75⅝
Woolworth	29	28⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31⅛	31⅛
Xerox	83⅞	84⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	260	...
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst	104	...
Hoare Gvt Smlr Co Index	105	+1½
Hunters Armley (90)	111	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	63	-3
Jos Holdings Capital	39	...
Jos Holdings Income	94	...
Jos Zero Div Pf	111½	+1
National Express (165)	193	-1
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	55	-1
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Second Consolidated Tst	88	...
Tadpole Technology (65)	184	+4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hilclare n/p (35)	3	...
Lonrho n/p (85)	¼	...
Melville n/p (5)	½	-¼
Property Trust p/p (25)	16	...
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
TT Group	257p (+10p)
Transfer Tech	403p (+11p)
Lambert	378p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Bass	600p (-10p)
Invergordon Dist	291p (-10p)
Siebe	430p (-21p)
Alexon	82p (-17p)
Rugby Group	219p (-15p)
P&O Dfd	525p (-12p)
Eurotunnel Uts	344p (-14p)
BAT	968p (-12p)
Courtauld Text	567p (-10p)
Shell	533p (-10p)
Ranger	323p (-15p)
Euro Disney	735p (-30p)
General Accident	558p (-16p)
TI	298p (-10p)
Tomkins	246p (-11p)
Victaulic	353p (-11p)
Commercial Union	618p (-16p)

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BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities were left nursing hefty losses, amid mounting speculation that the government is about to mount another large fundraising programme.

Brokers believe the Bank of England is poised to raise a further £3 billion in the bond market, targeting stocks with 15-year redemption dates. As a result, investors remained on the sidelines with prices opening sharply lower. At one stage prices were almost £1 lower. Brokers said there were few signs of support at the lower levels.

In futures, the March series of the long gilt ended 25 ticks lower at £99 27/32 as almost 30,000 contracts were completed. Inevitably, it was the longer end that suffered. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 ended 21 ticks lower at £100 15/16, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eased seven ticks to £109 9/16.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	99⅞	+⅛	6.02	6.32
100⅝	97⅞	Treas 8¼% 1993	100⅛	...	8.24	6.76
101⅝	99⅝	Treas 10% 1993	100⅝	-⅛	9.93	6.88
104⅞	100⅞	Treas 12½% 1993	102⅞	-⅛	12.14	6.56
107⅜	103⅝	Treas 13¾% 1993	105⅞	...	12.98	6.57
102⅞	96⅛	Treas 8½% 1994	101⅞	...	8.34	6.53
104⅞	96⅝	Treas 9% 1994	103⅞	...	8.67	6.76
105⅞	98⅞	Treas 10% 1994	104⅝	...	9.57	6.64
110⅞	103⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	108⅝	...	11.51	6.78
110⅞	103⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	108⅝	...	12.46	6.57
110⅝	104⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	108⅝	...	13.37	6.67
95⅛	88⅝	Gas 3% 1990-95	94½	+⅛	3.17	5.35
109⅝	99⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	-⅛	9.52	6.92
111⅞	102⅞	Treas 12% 1995	109⅝	-⅛	10.96	6.92
116½	106⅝	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅝	-⅛	11.13	7.01
104½	96⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	100⅞	...	8.99	7.07
110⅞	98⅞	Conv 10% 1996	109	-⅛	9.17	7.27
119⅝	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-⅛	11.32	7.43
119⅞	109⅞	Treas 14% 1996	117⅛	-⅛	11.89	7.37
125⅝	113⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅞	-⅛	12.42	7.36
112⅞	100⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	110⅞	-⅛	9.48	7.40
121⅞	109⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅞	-⅛	11.07	7.53
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
107⅛	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅞	-⅛	8.29	7.31
131⅞	117⅞	Exch 15% 1997	129	-⅛	11.63	7.64
99⅞	86⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅛	-⅛	6.88	7.18
111⅞	97⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	108⅞	-⅛	8.90	7.44
121⅞	107⅞	Exch 12% 1998	118⅞	-⅛	10.10	7.92
137⅞	123⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅞	-⅛	11.52	7.87
111⅞	97⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	108⅛	-⅛	8.75	7.66
115⅞	100⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅛	-⅛	9.11	7.84
116⅞	101⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅞	-⅛	9.27	7.79
123⅞	109⅞	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅞	-⅛	10.18	8.03
109⅞	94⅞	Conv 9% 2000	106⅞	-⅛	8.49	7.87
128⅞	114⅞	Treas 13% 2000	125⅛	-⅛	10.36	8.35
113⅞	99⅞	Treas 10% 2001	109⅞	-⅛	9.10	8.28
128⅞	115⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	-⅛	11.11	7.96
111⅛	98⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	108⅞	-⅛	8.98	8.43
113⅞	100⅞	Treas 10% 2003	110⅞	-⅛	9.09	8.54
69⅞	59⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68⅛	-⅛	5.14	7.73
109⅞	96⅞	Conv 9½% 2004	106⅞	-⅛	8.93	8.63
120⅞	107⅞	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116⅞	-⅛	9.86	8.58
109⅞	96⅞	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅞	-⅛	8.93	8.64
128⅞	116⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124⅞	-⅛	10.02	8.88
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
97⅞	85⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	95⅞	-⅛	8.41	8.67
100⅞	89⅞	Treas 8¾% 2007	97⅞	-⅛	8.69	8.78
122⅞	110⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅞	-⅛	9.87	8.84
104⅞	93⅞	Treas 9% 2008	101⅞	-⅛	8.85	8.80
135⅞	123⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132⅞	-⅛	10.22	8.91
95⅞	85⅞	Treas 8% 2009	92⅞	-⅛	8.64	8.85
103⅞	93⅞	Conv 9% 2011	101⅞	-⅛	8.91	8.88
72⅞	62⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	70⅞	-⅛	7.80	8.65
92⅞	81⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89⅞	-⅛	8.63	8.81
130⅞	118⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	126⅞	-⅛	9.49	9.14
		UNDATED				
29⅞	24⅞	Consols 2½%	28⅞	-⅛	8.58	...
29	24⅞	Treas 2½%	28	-⅛	8.93	...
35	29⅞	Treas 3%	34	...	8.82	...
63⅞	59	Conv 3½%	61⅞	-⅛	5.69	...
45⅞	39⅞	Consols 4%	44⅞	-⅛	9.00	...
40	35⅞	War Ln 3½%	39	-⅛	8.97	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132⅛	122⅞	Treas IL 2% 1994	132⅞	-⅛	0.44	2.23
197⅛	176⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-⅛	2.13	2.80
162⅞	139⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159⅞	-⅛	3.30	3.62
158⅛	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155⅞	-⅛	3.41	3.68
162⅞	137⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	159⅞	-⅛	3.33	3.74
147⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	144⅞	-⅛	3.66	3.85
152⅞	129⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	149⅞	-⅛	3.68	3.85
126⅛	105⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	123⅛	-⅛	3.71	3.87
133⅞	112⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	131⅛	-⅛	3.73	3.88
128⅞	107⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	125⅞	-⅛	3.77	3.90
106⅞	88⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2024	103⅞	-⅛	3.80	3.92

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,000	Carlton C	1,400	Land Secs	2,700	Scot Hydro	1,900
Alld-Lyons	963	Coats Vyla	1,800	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	1,300
Anglian W	640	Cm Union	2,800	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Scot Power	2,000
Argyll Gp	798	Courtaulds	727	MB Cardn	494	Sears	5,000
Arjo Wiggn	937	De La Rue	816	Marks Spr	3,700	Svrn Trent	1,100
AB Foods	597	Eng China C	3	NFC	538	Shell Trans	4,000
BAA	1,100	Enterpr Oil	1,300	NatWst Bk	3,500	Siebe	1,000
BAT Inds	3,000	Fisons	3,500	Nat Power	1,700	SmKl Bch	2,100
BET	2,000	Forte	3,800	Nth Wst W	311	Smith Nph	1,800
BOC	751	GRE	1,400	Nthrn Fds	789	Smith (WH)	1,100
BP	6,300	GUS A	134	P & O	2,000	Sthrn Elec	74
BT	3,800	Gen Acc	1,100	Pearson	1,800	Sun Allnce	2,900
BTR	2,100	Gen Elec	2,400	PowerGen	826	TI Gp	2,100
Bk of Scot	3,200	Glaxo	4,000	Prudential	4,200	TSB	4,900
Barclays	3,300	Granada	1,200	RTZ	576	Tate & Lyle	2,900
Bass	1,700	Grand Met	2,700	Rank Org	1,000	Tesco	7,400
Blue Circle	2,700	Guinness	2,000	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thames W	598
Boots	2,700	HSBC	7,200	Redland	708	Thrn EMI	826
Bowater	722	Hanson	5,100	Reed Intl	872	Tomkins	3,600
Brit Airwys	6,500	ICI	958	Rentokil	929	Unilever	1,700
Brit Gas	4,800	Inchcape	494	Reuters	723	Utd Bisc	340
Brit Steel	4,800	Kingfisher	964	Rolls Royce	2,200	Vodafone	890
Burmah Cstl	464	Kwik Save	231	Rothmans	63	Wellcome	818
Cable Wire	770	LASMO	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Whitbd 'A'	868
Cadbury	1,200	Ladbroke	3,700	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	2,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3258.16 (+6.49)
S&P Composite 430.60 (+1.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16589.55 (-45.14)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5673.10 (+143.54)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 96.0 (-0.6)

Sydney: AO 1514.1 (+11.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1531.96 (+0.44)

FTSE Euro 100: 1069.87 (-10.38)

Brussels:
General 5636.50 (+6.90)

Paris: CAC 484.92 (+1.31)

Zurich: SKA Gen 430.8 (+0.2)

London:
FT A All-Share 1342.90 (-13.45)
FT 500 1491.03 (-15.09)
FT Gold Mines 62.4 (+0.5)
FT Fixed Interest 108.98 (-0.38)
FT Govt Secs 93.36 (-0.47)
Bargains 31105
SEAQ Volume 592.7m
USM (Datastrm) 124.45 (+0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 11	January 29	April 15	April 26

Call options taken out on 11/1/93: Amber Day, Betterware, Fairhaven, Ferranti, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Heritage, Alexander Proudfoot, Rhino, Suter, Tadpole, Wilshaw. Puts: Amber Day, Rodime. Puts & Calls: ASDA, Br Aerospace, Cullens, Mirror Group, SWP, Trafalgar House, Telemetrix.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2822.0	2826.0	2778.0	2791.0	14272
Previous open interest: 46350	Jun 93	2818.0	2818.0	2818.0	2811.0	160
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.33	93.36	93.28	93.29	16506
Previous open interest: 226229	Jun 93	93.65	93.67	93.59	93.61	6550
	Sep 93	93.72	93.75	93.66	93.66	3125
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.47	96.50	96.46	96.49	344
Previous open interest: 19238	Jun 93	96.11	96.15	96.11	96.12	337
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.20	92.20	92.05	92.06	40229
Previous open interest: 391952	Jun 93	93.04	93.08	92.95	92.96	19884
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	104-00	104-04	103-26	103-28	28
Previous open interest: 661	Jun 93				102-21	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	100-13	100-15	99-24	99-27	32543
Previous open interest: 56280	Jun 93				100-19	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	108.42	108.42	108.38	108.40	288
	Jun 93				107.83	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.07	93.08	92.86	92.91	48225
Previous open interest: 154829	Jun 93	93.06	93.08	92.90	92.92	374
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.49	90.52	90.40	90.40	781
Previous open interest: 10692	Jun 93	91.68	91.69	91.60	91.60	174
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.56	94.60	94.50	94.54	4502
Previous open interest: 39788	Jun 93	94.98	95.00	94.94	94.97	853
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	93.90	94.40	93.85	93.98	10877
Previous open interest: 22037	Jun 93				94.08	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.2 (day's range 82.0-82.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8378-2.8485	2.8388-2.8485	¼-⅜ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	51.91-52.22	52.04-52.14	2-6ds	11-17ds
Copenhagen	9.7680-9.8150	9.7680-9.7910	4⅜-9⅛ds	17-21⅞ds
Dublin	0.9584-0.9665	0.9628-0.9653	367-919ds	409-1271ds
Frankfurt	2.5269-2.5363	2.5306-2.5338	¼-⅜ds	⅜-⅞ds
Lisbon	226.48-227.49	226.73-227.20	115-163ds	372-492ds
Madrid	179.33-180.58	179.68-180.58	136-153ds	349-377ds
Milan	2290.00-2322.10	2290.00-2296.00	11-13ds	31-34ds
Montreal	1.9716-1.9863	1.9797-1.9819	0.08-0.03pr	0.16-0.04pr
New York	1.5460-1.5560	1.5530-1.5540	0.59-0.47pr	1.45-1.41pr
Oslo	10.7920-10.8440	10.8080-10.8320	2⅜-4⅛ds	8⅜-10¼ds
Paris	8.5850-8.6440	8.6190-8.6330	3⅜-4⅛ds	9⅛-10¼ds
Stockholm	11.3630-11.4360	11.3940-11.4180	2⅛-3⅞ds	7⅜-8⅜ds
Tokyo	193.62-194.69	194.23-194.44	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.74-17.85	17.78-17.83	1⅜-2⅛ds	4⅜-6⅜ds
Zurich	2.3043-2.3132	2.3100-2.3132	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5523-1.5550
Australia dollar	2.3119-2.3152
Bahrain dinar	0.5765-0.5885
Brazil cruzeiro*	20653.9-20667.6
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland markka	8.3395-8.4555
Greece drachma	334.0-341.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.0380-12.0474
India rupee	44.21-45.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	4.0836-4.0379
Mexico peso	4.73-4.83
New Zealand dollar	3.0388-3.0439
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.732-5.858
Singapore dollar	2.5805-2.5838
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4759-7.6651
S Africa rand (com)	4.7684-4.7746
U A E dirham	5.613-5.737

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4867-1.4878
Austria	11.45-11.47
Belgium (Com)	33.52-33.56
Canada	1.2760-1.2765
Denmark	6.29-6.30
France	5.5500-5.5550
Germany	1.6290-1.6300
Hong Kong	7.7415-7.7425
Ireland	1.6100-1.6130
Italy	1483.0-1488.0
Japan	125.07-125.12
Malaysia	2.5940-2.5950
Netherlands	1.8280-1.8330
Norway	6.9590-6.9690
Portugal	146.00-146.20
Singapore	1.6595-1.6605
Spain	115.50-116.00
Sweden	7.3395-7.3495
Switzerland	1.4840-1.4850

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 4 Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 25/32; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6 23/32; 3 mth: 6¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	6 29/32-6 25/32	6 15/16-6⅞	6¾-6⅞	6½-6⅜	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	6⅞-6⅞	6⅝-6⅝
	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝-6⅝
Overnight: open 7, close 4.					
Local Authority Deps:	7⅛	n/a	7⅛	6⅞	6⅝
Sterling CDs:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	6⅞-6⅞	6⅝-6⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.15-3.12	n/a	3.22-3.19	3.35-3.30	3.80-3.75
Building Society CDs:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7-6⅞	6⅝-6⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992 Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38%. Schemes II & III: 8.50%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8⅛-7⅞	9⅛-8⅞
French Franc:	12⅛-11⅞	11⅞-11½	11⅞-11⅛	10⅛-10⅝	16-11
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-4⅞
Yen:	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3½	4⅛-3⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bullion)

Bullion: Open $328.70-329.00 Close: $327.00-327.50 High: $329.00-329.50 Low: $326.65-327.15 Krugerrand: $327.00-329.00 (£210.00-211.50)
Sovereigns: Old $77.00-80.00 (£49.50-51.50) New $77.00-80.00 (£49.50-51.50)
Platinum: $358.25 (£230.70) Silver: $3.67 (£2.355) Palladium: $111.00 (£71.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	24	43	55	6	19	35
(*617)	650	4	20	30	38	47	63
ASDA	60	5	9	13½	2	6	8
(*63)	70	2	5½	9½	7½	11	13
Bass	600	16	37	52	13	26	38
(*599½)	650	3	16	30	51	58	69
Boots	500	12	28	40	10	18	29
(*499)	550	2	11	17	54	51	60
Br Airways	280	8	18	24	14	20	31
(*273½)	300	2½	11	17	29	34	43
BP	220	19	24	30	2	7	11
(*236)	240	4	12	18½	8½	15½	20
	260	1½	5½	11	26	30	33
Br Steel	60	3½	7½	11	2½	6½	8½
(*61)	70	1	4	7	11	12½	15½
C & W	700	20	44	61	12	27	43
(*707½)	750	3	22	37	48	57	72
CU	600	23	37	50	7½	28	37
(*617½)	650	3	15	29	41	61	67
Courtauld	550	52	67	77	3½	12	20
(*595)	600	14	34	49	17	27	44
GKN	460	15	26	37	8	25	35
(*467½)	500	2½	11	20	38	55	60
Grnd Met	420	13	29	45	10	20	29
(*422½)	460	3	16	22	41	46	53
ICI	1100	22	49	73	24	70	86
(*1097½)	1150	6	28	53	59	105	118
	1200	2	15	38	107	147	153
Kingfshr	550	15	39	50	8	24	38
(*565)	600	2	16	27	47	53	67
Ladbroke	180	15	26	30	4	12	20
(*193)	200	5½	15	22	13	23	31
Land Sec	420	26	37	41	2	6	18
(*442½)	460	3½	13	19	21	25	41
M & S	300	25	34	39	2	6½	13
(*318)	330	3½	12	23	15	20½	26
Sainsbury	550	19	37	49	8	19	29
(*561½)	600	3	14	26	42	49	58
Shell	500	37	40	51	1	10	16
(*532½)	550	4	11½	24	30	37	42
Smkl Bch	475	11	-	-	15	-	-
(*468½)	500	4	18	30	35	43	50
Storehse	200	8	17	23	6½	13	19
(*200)	220	2½	9	16	21	26	31
Trafalgar	80	9	13½	18	1½	5	8
(*87)	90	3	8½	13	6	9	13
Unilever	1050	37	56	77	7½	31	40
(*1068½)	1100	7½	30	51	34	57	67
Utd Bisc	360	14	24	29	5	20	25
(*365)	390	3	10	16	25	39	44

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAA	700	60	77	87	6	15	26
(*743½)	750	26	47	57	24	35	47
BAT Ind	950	44	58	75	23	47	55
(*967½)	1000	21	35	52	47	77	83
BTR	500	51	55	63	3½	11	17
(*545½)	550	15	26	35	17	34	38
Br Aero	180	25	31	42	17	28	34
(*185)	200	15	24	33	26	40	45
Br Telcm	390	12	23	28	12	18	27
(*388½)	420	3½	11	15½	37	38	46
Cadbury	460	16	23	32	16	29	34
(*455)	500	4½	10	17	48	58	61
Guinness	460	45	54	62	6	16	22
(*494)	500	19	30	38	21	35	42
GEC	260	19	27	31	4	8	14
(*272)	280	7	14	19	12	17	23
Hanson	220	19½	24	28	2½	5½	8
(*236½)	240	6	13	17	9	14	18
LASMO	140	19	25	30	6	13	17
(*150½)	160	9	16	21	16	23	27
Lucas	140	13	18	24	13	19	23
(*137½)	160	6	11	17	27	32	36
P & O	500	41	51	61	14	35	43
(*525)	550	16	27	38	41	65	73
Pilkngtn	100	14	19	22	5½	10	14
(*107)	110	8	14	17	11	15	19
Prudential	280	18	24	28	6	15	18
(*289)	300	8	14	18	16	26	29
RTZ	650	35	48	61	17	35	43
(*667½)	700	13	26	40	46	67	74
Scot New	420	38	51	58	5½	12	19
(*444½)	460	14	27	35	22	29	38
Tesco	260	19	27	36	7	14	17
(*269)	280	8	16	24	15	24	28
Thames W	460	40	52	55	4	9	18
(*492½)	500	12	27	31	18	26	36
Vodafone	420	20	34	44	19	29	36
(*417)	460	6	18	27	48	55	60

FT-SE INDEX (*2773½)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
Jan	124	78	36	10	2	1
Feb	155	116	84	56	36	22
Mar	178	141	110	82	59	42
Apr	199	164	131	102	80	58
Jun	-	190	-	133	-	88
Puts						
Jan	1	5	14	40	85	135
Feb	25	38	54	79	110	146
Mar	39	53	72	95	124	157
Apr	50	65	85	110	137	170
Jun	-	85	-	126	-	185

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	330	39	43	51	7½	13	17
(*360)	360	19	26	37	21	28	31
Amstrad	20	5	6½	7½	2	2½	3
(*23)	25	2½	3½	4	4½	5	5½
Barclays	360	30	36	43	25	31	42
(*366)	390	15	24	30	45	50	58
Blue Circ	200	18	24	29	17	29	32
(*195½)	220	10	16	23	30	41	45
Br Gas	280	15	17½	24	9	18	21
(*281)	300	7	9½	16	22	31	32
	330	2½	4	7½	50	56	57
Dixons	260	20	30	35	17	24	30
(*261½)	280	12	21	27	30	35	41
Eurotunnel	330	50	63	74	15	24	30
(*343½)	360	30	46	58	26	38	45
Forte	180	25	30	35	10	17	22
(*192½)	200	14	21	26	20	28	33
Glaxo	700	65	89	108	24	36	47
(*740)	750	40	70	84	45	62	71
	800	22	42	61	82	94	103
HSBC	500	45	58	72	24	37	46
(*519)	550	19	36	50	55	65	73
Hillsdwn	140	12	18	21	15	24	28
(*134)	160	7	11	14	29	39	42
Lonrho	70	9	12	15	8	10	13
(*72)	80	5	8½	10	14	17	20
Reuter	1400	69	102	133	77	105	123
(*1387½)	1450	47	82	110	110	133	150
R-Royce	110	12	15	19	8½	12	15
(*113½)	120	7	11	14½	15	18	20½
Sears	100	8½	10½	14	7	11	13
(*101)	110	4	7	9	14	16	18
Thm Emi	850	38	58	69	31	41	59
(*851)	900	18	69	46	62	70	89
TSB	140	16	20	24	6	8½	12
(*151½)	160	6½	10½	14	18	19	23
Vaal Reefs	25	5½	6	5½	2½	3	3½
(*29)	30	2½	4	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	77	99	122	35	48	60
(*925)	950	49	72	95	57	75	85

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	240	11	28	36	11	24	34
(*242½)	260	5	20	28	25	36	47

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	400	32	44	-	6½	13	-
(*429)	430	14	-	-	19	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	260	25	32	36	7	10½	16
(*278½)	280	12½	22	25	16	20	26
Scot Pwr	220	15½	22	27	5½	8½	12½
(*233)	240	5½	11½	15½	16	19	23

January 11, 1993 Tot: 34121 Calls: 20636 Puts: 13485 FT-SE Calls: 8780 Puts: 6281
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed with small gains after staging a recovery during late trade in quiet conditions. Cocoa futures ended with losses, despite news of an unexpected large rise in the fourth quarter German grind. White sugar traded at unchanged levels. Barley remained lacklustre with prices following a similar pattern to wheat.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	687-686	May	785-783
May	700-699	Jul	801-797
Jul	714-712	Sep	815-805
Sep	727-726	Dec	840-825
Dec	748-745		
Mar	769-768	Volume:	3158

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	948-945	Sep	936-935
Mar	953-950	Nov	938-933
May	935-934	Jan	954-938
Jul	933-932	Volume:	2543

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	195.0-92.0
Spot: 183.0		Dec	193.0-89.0
Mar	191.0-89.6	Mar	194.0-90.0
May	193.0-91.4	May	195.0-91.0
Aug	195.0-92.0	Volume:	32

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	248.8-47.5
Spot: 253.0		Dec	252.7-50.5
Mar	254.5-54.1	Mar	254.3-51.5
May	255.9-55.3	May	257.3-53.5
Aug	260.9-60.0	Volume:	960

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.68	87.81	116.82
(+/-)	-6.64	+1.35	+0.86
Eng/Wales:	79.72	88.08	116.66
(+/-)	-6.70	+1.55	+0.55
(%)	+3.1	-29.9	-25.4
Scotland:	76.65	86.57	118.42
(+/-)	-6.49	-0.52	+3.81
(%)	-53.2	-19.3	-32.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	unq	unq	Jun	unq	unq
Apr	103.0	103.0		Volume:	2

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	135.05
Mar	136.05
May	138.05
Jun	138.95
Sep	107.65
Volume:	238

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	130.40
Mar	132.65
May	133.75
Sep	106.15
Nov	109.00
Volume:	39

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	152.50
Apr	151.00
Jun	141.00
Aug	142.30
Oct	unq
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	62.0	61.8
May	71.1	70.5
Apr	unq	91.5
	Volume:	19

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Feb 64.00-63.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude levels were slightly stronger as Iraq continued to taunt the West.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.30	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.35	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.55	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.95	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.10	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	185 (-2)	187 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	167 (-1)	168 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	173 (n/c)	174 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	173 (+1)	174 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (+1)	72 (+2)
Naphtha	177 (-3)	179 (-3)

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GAS OIL

Jan	165.50 BID	Apr	166.00 BID
Feb	166.75-67.00	May	165.25-65.50
Mar	167.00 SLR	Jun	165.75 SLR
		Vol:	19239

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.56-17.57	May	17.89 BID
Mar	17.72-17.73	Jun	18.02-18.05
Apr	17.82 BID	Vol:	26047

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	182.50-83.00	Apr	196.25-97.75
Feb	186.25-86.75	May	201.00 SLR
Mar	187.00-91.00	Vol:	158

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1275	1260	1272
Feb 93	1235	1235	1241
Mar 93	1245	1235	1241
Apr 93	1240	1235	1248

Vol: 31 lots. Open Int'st: 3202 Index 1319 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1499.0-1500.0	1517.5-1518.0	1556750
Lead (£/tonne)	289.00-289.50	298.50-298.75	50975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1051.0-1051.5	1069.0-1069.5	658575
Tin ($/tonne)	5830.0-5835.0	5895.0-5900.0	19365
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1204.5-1205.0	1227.5-1228.0	672450
Nickel ($/tonne)	6150.0-6152.0	6227.0-6229.0	60588

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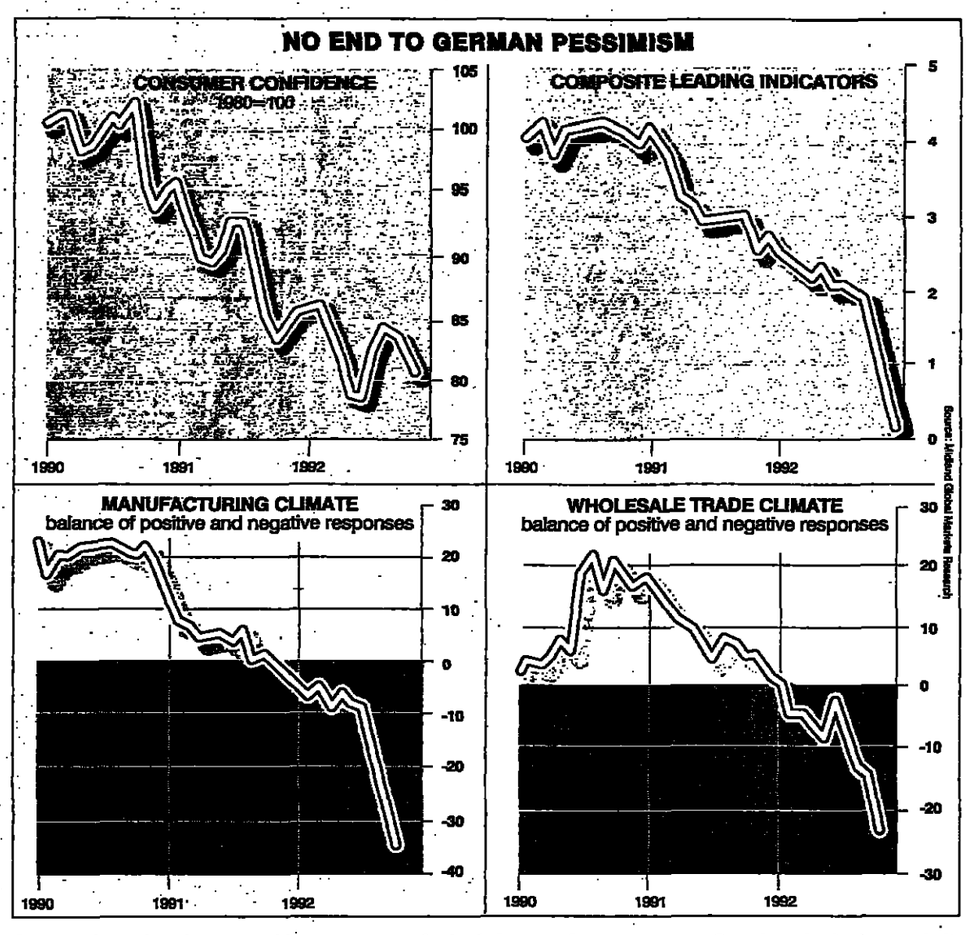
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EUROPEAN VIEW

Depression feeds recession where two Germanys meet

Western politicians, used to living in a free-market economy, failed to recognise the problems of creating one, writes Wolfgang Münchau



When German academics succumb to emotion and hyperbole, one has a sense that something strange is afoot. The country's five economic institutes are usually better known for their sobriety, if not pedantry. But last week one of them broke ranks and proclaimed that east Germany was on the brink of an "economic catastrophe". Not just "negative growth", but the real thing.

This gloomy view emerged from DIW, *Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung*, which operates from Berlin, where the problems of the east German economy are a lot more visible than they are in the more remote west German habitats of the other institutes. Nevertheless, the assertion of Heiner Flassbeck, DIW's chief economist, that east Germany was facing a socio-economic collapse has provoked a barrage of criticism. Perhaps it was only a slip of the tongue? Not so, Dr Flassbeck insisted yesterday; "catastrophe" it would be, not a time to mince one's words.

The catastrophe scenario, he insists, does not relate to the recession in west Germany, though he forecasts a 1 per cent fall in growth there this year, significantly worse that the consensus for zero-growth. Nor does his warning make the obvious point that the east German economy is in great difficulty. What he is really saying is that, without changing economic policy there exist no structures that would help east Germany out of the doldrums. His conclusion is that after 40 years of communist mismanagement, an economy can get worse, much worse.

West German commentators denounced his warning as exaggerated. A severe economic slowdown maybe, they concede, but nothing that would merit such a strong word. But the view from the leafy, affluent suburbs of Frankfurt, Munich or Bonn is very different from the reality of places like Rostock, Chemnitz, or Dresden. The two worlds are, however, becoming increasingly interrelated, though perhaps not in an obvious manner. There exists no single economic variable that has greater significance for the western economy than the scale of the depression in the East. More important is the level of German interest rates, or even the outcome of a "solidarity pact" between west German employers and unions. The problem is that the more the east German economy falls into a bottomless pit and the more east German society disintegrates, with all the nasty political consequences, the larger the bill for the west German taxpayer. It means that what could have been a minor recession is in danger of turning into something much worse: a vicious circle, whereby the east German depression feeds the west German recession, which in turn feeds the east German depression.

The most worrying indication of a vicious cycle is that west German investment in the East is beginning to fall back. Some prominent companies, such as Daimler-Benz, have even begun to pull out of existing commitments, blaming falling orders.

The irony is that German politicians appear to be failing in precisely the area of economic policy in which they have tended to regard themselves as invincible. There is even a German word, *Ordnungspolitik*, which has no direct English equivalent, to describe the politics of establishing a legal and structural framework for a market economy. It does not mean economic policy, nor industrial policy. It is a melange of all those policies that affect matters such as ownership rights and takeover regulations, land laws, commercial and contract laws, competition laws and the like. Instead of following the *Ordnungspolitik* of Ludwig Erhard and his generation, which gradually provided the country with its acclaimed economic miracle in the 1950s, the current generation of politicians has adopted a dangerous mutant of shock-therapy for east Germany. Essentially, this consisted of closing down the existing economy as of tomorrow, and trying to replace it with another at some time in the future. The first part worked, the second was problematical. All this madness is not without method. The means of shock therapy politics was privatisation. The villain was the *Treuhand* privatisation agency, and the result is what Dr Flassbeck refers to as a potential for a catastrophe.

The process did not go wrong — as is frequently and mistakenly claimed — because Germany's politicians underestimated the depth to which east German industry has sunk. This is not a problem of degree, but of principle. It went wrong because west German politicians, and many economists too, completely failed to understand some of the basic principles and the behaviour of an economy under transition. They failed to understand that it is one thing to run a free-market economy, but it is quite another to get there in the first place. As for the solution, one had better not start from here, as the joke goes, but there is little choice. There are two areas where an about-turn in *Ordnungspolitik* is absolutely necessary. One is privatisation and its heinous employment and social consequences, the other is east Germany's ludicrous wages policy. A change to privatisation policy will prove most intractable, since much damage is already done. Companies have been auctioned off to the highest bidders with utter disregard for industrial consequences. Whole industries have disappeared.

But a long overdue adoption of an industrial policy would have little chance as long as east German employers and unions are allowed to negotiate wage agreements, which price more than a third of the working population out of the market. The government does not have to go as far as to impose an incomes policy for the East — although a case could be made for this — but it would be a great help to allow employers to opt out of punitive wage deals. A simple change in the law would suffice here. All this means: a freer market when it comes to the labour market, but less of a free market when it comes to investment.

Germany has a new economics minister who could implement change. He is Günter Rexrodt, a former banker and *Treuhand* executive. Judging by what one has heard so far, it is doubtful whether he will take his chance.

TEMPUS

Tomkins whets appetites

GREG Hutchings is asking the City to take a lot on trust. Tomkins' self-imposed news blackout on its Ranks Hovis McDougall acquisition is understandable, since the group is still coming to grips with the business, but it is deeply frustrating for the investors who backed last October's £935 million bid and the £653 million rights issue.

If Tomkins hoped to satisfy this curiosity with details of its previous successes it was disappointed. The group's half-year figures were more than adequate. The group has not lost its ability to wring greater efficiency out of low-risk industrial companies, as witnessed by the 0.7 per cent rise in operating margins to 6.8 per cent despite a 3 per cent fall in group sales. Mr Hutchings and his team are confident they can repeat the trick with RHM, with its moribund management and top-heavy head office structure. But they should not underestimate their task. Tomkins' staff numbers have more than doubled to 46,000, and the number of reporting units risen from 44 to 76.

While the group decides how to tackle the challenge, it must also cope with the endemic problems of the milling and baking industry, including falling bread margins, exacerbated by rising wheat prices, and the supermarket chains that are happy to impose uneconomic terms on their suppliers.

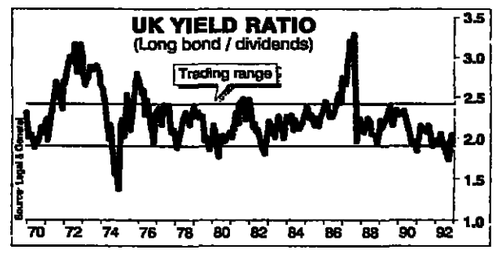
At least Tomkins will be left with net cash of up to £100 million once it mops up the remaining RHM shares, since most holders have opted for the paper offer. The group needs the money. An economic revival in Britain and America will create a heavy demand for working capital, while RHM's fluctuating stock levels will drain cash flow. All things considered, Tomkins' investors will sleep sounder when Mr Hutchings breaks his silence this summer.

Investments

THE most terrifying aspect of the current crop of investment forecasts is the amount they have to bend their assumptions to make it appear feasible for the government to sell £39 billion in gilts this calendar year at current yields.

Statistics from Legal & General show that on most normal assumptions, institutions will have to invest 70 per cent of their cash flow in gilts. This is absurd. Even during the funding crisis of 1976-8, they were not prepared to place more than half their incoming funds in the government's coffers.

To make the picture more realistic, L&G has been forced to assume that £8 billion will come from overseas investors, more than three times higher than last year, and £5 billion from banks and building societies. Only then does the institutional requirement fall to 50 per cent.



Even this may not be enough. L&G suggests that equities are expensive on historic grounds, but not as pricey as gilts or cash deposits. The insurance group expects equities to produce a return of up to 14 per cent this year, with the FT-SE 100 index rising to 3,100, which gilts are unlikely to match, they say. The government could be forced into offering higher yields.

Do It All

THE old adage that two wrongs do not make a right must have taken on a bitter new meaning for Keith Ackroyd, chairman of Do It All, the struggling DIY joint venture between Boots and WH Smith, which continues to haemorrhage cash.

Despite £60 million of equity and loans injected by the parent companies over the past two-and-a-half years, Do It All last week announced a 4.5 per cent drop in sales for the last quarter of 1992. Losses are expected to double to £30 million for the year to February and gearing could be as high as 100 per cent.

The company hopes that its planned distribution centre and a new format, already being rolled out across the country, will herald an end to its chronic losses. The real issue is whether there is room for another major player in the £8 billion DIY market.

Do It All trails a poor third to its bigger rivals B&Q and Texas, which have 14 and 9 per cent of the market respectively, and have had the scale to fund a price war for the last two years.

With little prospect of an improvement in the market, Boots and WH Smith must be counting the days to 1994 when they can sell out. Until then, they are likely to continue banging their heads, as well as their wallets, against a brick wall.

Power Corp

THE appointment of receivers to the Trocadero and Island Site in Piccadilly, London, releases a millstone from around Power Corporation's neck that threatened to drag it down.

The site's rental income of £11 million was not enough to service its £180 million borrowings, forcing Power Corp to stump up its own money to plug the gap. With group cash flow already strained, the situation was always unsustainable. For a company that has lost its biggest asset, Power Corp is remarkably upbeat. But offloading the Trocadero is not the end of Power Corp's problems. The group reported losses of 1r£19.4 million (£20.4 million) for the six months to September, against pre-tax profits of 1r£5.1 million last time, and gearing remains at 140 per cent. Interest cover is less than one, and it has loans due at year-end in America.

Power Corporation has already tried but failed to refinance its remaining principal asset — a 670,000 sq ft shopping centre in San Francisco. Whatever Mr Power says, the company faces an uphill struggle.

Trafalgar House

WAS it wishful thinking by Alan Clements, chairman of Trafalgar House, when he mistakenly told yesterday's annual meeting that it was "not practical to change shareholders at this time", instead of saying "change auditors"? Trafalgar maintains its 1991 results had to be restated only after an Urgent Issues Task Force directive was acted on by the Financial Reporting Review Panel. But Mr Clements drew laughter when he said: "The '91 accounts were right at the time they were published."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Singing praises of La Wally

BUCKING the recessionary trend, central London restaurateur and hotelier David Levin is branching out into pastures new. Levin, 57, whose Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge has long boasted a Michelin star, and whose other restaurant, The Greenhouse, in Mayfair — run by his son Joe, 27 — regularly wins rave reviews, is on the brink of launching a wine of his own. He is, he claims, the first and only Briton to own a vineyard in the Loire region of France — bought two years ago — and his first wine is about to be bottled. To facilitate the process he has formed The Wally Wine Company — "Because the vines are in the village of Oisly, which is pronounced Wally," he explains — and the 30,000 bottles he expects to produce will carry distinctive labels stamped LeVin de LeVin and will sell at less than £10 each. "It should be available in March and it is dry, clean, light and fresh. I am thrilled with it but it will get better." The next item on his agenda is to open a shop — to be called La Table de Levin — which will sell the wine as well as other produce made in the Levin kitchens, ranging from petit fours to bread and chutneys. "I'm looking for a site but I haven't found one yet," he says, "but everything we sell we will make ourselves."

Dollars billed

AS NORMAN Lamont struggles to foot the country's bills, he might be interested to learn of a fundraising method employed by the Federal Reserve. The Fed is helping to fill its coffers by selling uncut sheets of dollar bills to Hanatomo, a Tokyo florist, which uses the greenbacks as wrapping paper. The store bought 900 sheets of 32 $1 bills from the Federal Reserve, paying $37.50 for each sheet. But, as far as customers are concerned, this wrapping comes at a cost — flowers usually priced at $42 cost $125 instead when wrapped in the George Washington motif. This arrangement not only helps the Fed but also gives the florist a very respectable $45.50 profit on each new-style bouquet it sells.

UNITED Airlines has unveiled a new livery for its fleet. Chairman Stephen Wolf says: "As we compete vigorously for more customers worldwide, we must visually distinguish our airlines from other carriers. A dramatic new look will help us achieve that distinction." But the chosen colours — grey and dark blue — are very similar to those of another airline — its sternest competitor across the Atlantic . . . British Airways.



"Not much sign of a bull market"

Soaraway scores

BUYERS of *The Sun* are, it seems, better read than some of the researchers used by Britain's top accountancy firm, KPMG. In an advertisement placed in *North West Business Insider*, a regional magazine, Peat Marwick attributes the quote "Go west, young man," to Mark Twain and then rewrites it, "Go *north* west, young man," attributing the latter to KPMG. However, as *Sun* readers will now know, since the quote was a clue in that newspaper's crossword on Saturday, the original author was in fact Horace Greeley (1850), founder of the *New York Tribune*.

Fox goes poaching

IT HAS been a bad year, so far, for Nomura. Last week it lost the president of Nomura International, John Howland-Jackson, to NatWest Markets. And now London Fox, the London commodity exchange, has poached Noel Lawson, head of compliance and internal audit at Nomura. Lawson, who will be in charge of general counsel and director of compliance at Fox, joined Nomura in 1984, and established the compliance department for its European headquarters. Robin Woodhead, chief executive of London Fox, says: "This is a good senior appointment for the exchange, given its past problems. His commercial background shows that compliance is not just a policeman activity and his addition will be welcomed by City regulators." Further appointments are, he says, planned in due course.

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Freeing of rents can help solve homelessness problem

From Mr Geoffrey Cutting

Sir, David Cowan ("Hidden face of a crisis", January 5) argues that deregulation of new lets may have had adverse consequences at the bottom end of the market because revitalisation has been accompanied by increased rents.

As evidence of this he quotes the 37 per cent increase thrown up by the 1990 survey report from the Nottinghamshire branch of Shelter, the housing pressure group.

At that time the tenant organisations were conducting a campaign to discredit the deregulation of new lets. The Nottingham survey (founded upon an analysis of accommodation advertisements appearing in the *Nottingham Evening Post* every Thursday of every third month) triumphantly concluded that there has never been any evidence that deregulation improves the private rented sector and that the only way to ensure that private rented housing was available to and affordable by people who actually need it was by a return to a system of fair rents.

It seems that Shelter have now abandoned this mistaken policy because they were signatories to the 1992 Joseph Rowntree Consensus report which acknowledged that even market rents (which are two or three times "fair" rents) do not yield the 4 per cent to 6 per cent net return necessary to attract investment in rented housing from the major financial institutions.

Inadequate rents mean steadily diminishing supply; hence, the regulated sector has declined from over 7 million to less than 500,000 dwellings. Deregulation by contrast has generated a buoyant supply of new lets and has encouraged the better and more effective use of the existing housing stock. Surely David Cowan must recognise that this helps, not hinders, the solving of the problem of homelessness.

Yours faithfully
GEOFFREY CUTTING
Chairman
Small Landlords Association
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Streatham, SW16.

High margins of Harrods sale

From Mr John Dowell

Sir, I read with interest the item on Harrods' sale (City Diary, January 6).

Estimated profits for the first day were £5 million. Estimated takings were £20,000 per minute, or £13.2 million for an 11-hour day. Not a bad profit margin, considering the sale is on!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOWELL,
24 Clive Road,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.

Fear holds back housing market

From Mr Carey Keates

Sir, In response to Mr Jowett's letter ("Buying houses in the seller's market", Business Letters, January 7) he overlooks the major factor in the housing market today, which is *fear*.

It is not that people don't want to buy — they do — but that they are afraid. Their fears centre on two factors, interest rates and unemployment.

The average buyer's perception is that current interest rates are a trap for the unwary. Memories of 15 per cent are too strong, hence the quest for fixed-rate mortgages.

But unemployment, or rather the fear of it, is clearly the major factor, despite the redundancy insurances which are on offer. Until employment conditions improve, the housing market won't.

Yours faithfully,
CAREY KEATES,
26 Little Martins,
Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Loan rate exposure

From Mrs J. M. Bradford

Sir, Mr Sotheran's letter (January 1) comments on NatWest's interest rates for fixed rate loans.

Although he refers to a quote of 14.5 per cent for a new loan, I must point out that for this type of loan the rate was reduced to 13.5 per cent on 9 November and again to 13 per cent on 23 December.

When comparing this with a current Base Rate of 7 per cent, it must be remembered that Base Rate is presently near a low point in its historic cycle and has averaged 11 per cent over the last ten years. If the bank is to provide fixed rate loans, it is essential they are arranged at rates to reflect likely future interest rates.

Our small business customers, like Mr Sotheran, also have the option of taking funds at a rate linked to Base Rate, when the borrowers would, of course, be carrying the "interest rate exposure".

Yours faithfully,
J. M. BRADFORD,
Head of Small Business Services,
National Westminster Bank,
8 Fenchurch Place, EC3.

Safety in UK equities

From Mr Simon Baggott

Sir, I respectfully suggest that Mr David Cooke (January 8) should obtain some good independent financial advice.

He draws attention to the plight of pensioners and others relying on investment income, and asks how such persons might cope with loss of income when interest rates are falling. To rely on fluctuating interest has always been a grave mistake, and fixed interest investments have proved little better. Experience over the last two centuries or so has demonstrated beyond doubt that over the medium to long term the only safe place for money is UK equities.

Yours faithfully,
Simon D. Baggott,
Tofield Swann & Smythe (Solicitors),
14 Figtree Lane, Sheffield.

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7	Admiral	Electrical	
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10	Mersey Docks	Transport	
11	Chiltern Capital	Business Serv	
12	Penna	Business Serv	
13	Hay (Norman)	Industrial	
14	Plysu	Chems,Plas	
15	Telemetrix	Electrical	
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17	Goode Durrant	Industrial	
18	Jardine Strat	Fin Trusts	
19	Smith David	Paper,Print	
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21	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
22	Laporte	Chems,Plas	
23	Ald Leis	Leisure	
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26	Druck	Electrical	
27	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Rds	
28	Jacks (Wm)	Motors,Air	
29	PowerGen	Electricity	
30	Amersham	Chems,Plas	
31	Mitie Gp	Business Serv	
32	Frost Group	Industrial	
33	De La Rue	Industrial	
34	Chambrlin Hill	Industrial	
35	Filofax	Paper,Print	
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191	154	Allied Irish	186	-1	...	6.4	10.7
197½	106	Aus New Z	132	-¼	...	6.8	...
3109½	1906½	Bankamerica	2831½	-46½	...	...	...
300	141	Bk of Ireland	193	-1	...	6.5	20.2
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
130	97	Bank Scotland	118	-1	4.3	4.9	18.6
410	274	Barclays	362	-2	21.1	7.7	...
6	1¼	Benchmark	2	...	...	...	...
304	28	Brown Shipley	41	-1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17	...	...	...	...
428	295	Cater Allen	422	-6	26.0	8.2	...
95	61	Cattles	89	-3	3.8	5.7	13.0
1950	912½	Chase Manh	1800↑	-25	...	...	...
1475	537½	Citicorp	1347½	-43½	...	...	...
278	205	Close Bros	276	+3	9.5	4.6	13.3
£104	7700	Commerzbk	9650	-150	...	3.8	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£250½	-237½	...	2.5	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	54	-6	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	933	...	...	...	...
380	230	Gerrard Nat	374	-4	21.0	7.5	...
570	236	HSBC	519	+3	...	3.8	21.3
577	313	HSBC HK	497½	+1½	...	4.0	20.4
282	202	Hambros	249	-2	13.8	7.4	11.0
353	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
109	54	King Shaxson	109	+1	5.0	6.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	314	-5	16.0	6.8	27.5
549	340	Lloyds	518	-8	16.7	4.3	17.6
64	40	Lon Scot Bk	63½	...	2.7	5.8	14.1
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	327	-5	...	6.2	-
425	251	Nat West	409	-7	17.5	5.7	56.5
700	418	Provident	685	-4	25.0	4.9	15.7
41	25	Rea Bros	41	+1	0.5	1.6	...
210	137	Ryl Bk Scot	210	-1	8.8	5.6	...
1433	1043	Schroders	1430	-3	18.0	1.7	16.6
606	364	Stand Chart	581	-9	20.0	4.6	15.0
161½	115	TSB	151½	-4½	6.4	5.6	...
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193	99	Westpac	137	-1	...	5.9	-
253	188	Wintrust	190	...	9.3	6.5	7.3

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	618	-7	20.0	4.3	14.3
666	472	Bass	600	-10	18.9	4.2	13.1
335	146	Boddington	202	-1	6.6	4.4	12.8
400	241	Bulmer (HP)	380↑	-3	9.0	3.2	17.5
143	111	Burtonwd Brw	135	+1	4.4	4.4	9.8
391	194	Devenish (JA)	274↑	+1	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'	78↑	...	...	5.6	-
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	56	+1½	...	2.5	-
440	340	Fuller Sm 'A'	350	...	...	2.6	14.7
198	127	Gibbs Mew	155	+5	6.7	5.8	14.9
518	360	Grand Met	423↑	-5	...	3.9	14.2
424½	281	Greenalls Grp	408	-6	...	3.8	15.6
530	405	Greene King	514↑	-1	11.6	3.0	13.4
644	471	Guinness	494	-1	10.8	2.9	14.2
346	245	Hardy Hansn	280	...	7.9	3.8	-
145	113	Heavitree	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.2
105	78	-do- 'A' LV	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	266	...	6.0	3.0	17.7
48	21	Hoskins Brew	33	...	...	...	23.8
335	268	Invergordn Dist	291	-10	8.5	3.0	16.4
220	151	Macallan-Glen	186	+1	0.7	0.5	37.5
620	380	Macdn Martin 'A'	420	...	8.8	2.8	13.2
720	515	Mansfield	670	...	13.6	2.7	14.4
249	166	Marstn Thmp	246	-6	4.9	2.7	14.4
477	394	Matthew Clark	435	...	15.7	4.3	12.3
351	195	Mrydwn W	290	-3	...	2.9	20.9
493	320	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.3	19.1
10½	5½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	11.5
1020	665	SA Breweries	808	-4	...	3.5	12.3
492	380	Scot & New	445↑	-7	16.1	4.3	12.1
200	145	Taunton Cider	193	-2	...	3.3	18.0
229	148	Vaux Group	229	+8	9.3	5.4	15.8
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	481	-3	16.9	4.7	13.5
1436	1150	-do- 'B'	1175	+10	16.9	1.9	33.1
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	566	-1	11.4	2.7	...
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
85	60	Abbey	85	+3	...	1.7	29.0
26	9	Albrighton	16	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen	95	...	...	10.2	10.8
182	53	Amec	62	-2	10.2	...	6.2
7	2½	Anglia Sec	4½	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	169	-1	4.1	3.3	22.7
151	100	Attwoods	132	-3	3.0	5.1	19.1
303	123	BPB Ind	200	-2	11.2	...	50.8
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	58↑	-2	3.1	7.2	-
22	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	24	+1	0.5	3.1	...
118	68	Barcom	83↑	-3	1.2	2.0	15.1
104	34	Barratt Devs	97	+1	2.0	2.5	10.8
328	193	Bellway	322	-1	11.5	4.7	18.1
30	14	Bellwinch	15	-1	...	...	...
345	180	Berkeley Gp	314↑	+1	5.0	2.1	20.8
100	46	Best Bros	46	...	...	...	1.9
89	27	Blockleys	45	+1	3.3	...	44.7
294½	121	Blue Circle	196	-9	11.2	7.7	19.6
240	140½	Boot (Henry)	240	...	...	3.0	13.1
108	62	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.5	18.2
132	66	Br Dredging	88	...	7.4	11.2	11.4
180	42	Brit Fittings	67	+9	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	107	-3	4.8	6.0	21.2
80	38	CALA	63	...	2.3	4.9	...
249	187	CRH	208	-1	...	4.5	11.0
48	14	Cakebread Rby	38	+2	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	25	-½	4.7	...	...
143	31	Countryside	56	-4	4.1	5.9	-
66	23	Crest Nicholson	41	...	0.0	...	...
38	14	Cussins	29	...	...	...	...
6	½	Dunton	3½	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	1.8	...	7.0
211	132	Epwin	185	+1	...	4.8	15.3
54	23	Erith	36	...	2.0	...	...
267	220	Eve Group	255	...	...	5.1	9.1
86	25	Eversd Baxton	43	...	5.6	...	23.2
19	3	Explaura	6½	...	...	...	...
135	88	Freeman Gp	97	...	...	...	...
79	43	Galliford	49	...	4.3	11.2	19.7
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
825	578	Gleeson (MJ)	705	-2	12.7	2.4	10.5
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	97	-1	3.1	4.3	20.2
63	28	Hewetson	28	...	2.6	...	27.4
39	23	Hey & Croft	16#	...	...	...	...
388	128	Heywd Wim	197	-3	12.5	8.9	12.2
106	29	Higgs & Hill	38	...	9.0	...	5.8
39	23	How Gp	28	...	2.5	...	9.7
30	10	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	4.2	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	48	+1	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	15½	+½	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	209	...	9.0	5.7	10.9
35	3½	Lilley	7½	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	80	Lt Clydeside	85	...	...	11.2	6.2
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	12	-½	...	...	3.4
295	180	Manders	259	-1	7.0	3.6	18.0
148	57	Marley	102	-2	4.8	5.5	25.7
97	47	Marshalls	65	-2	...	10.3	21.7
155	101	Maunders (J)	128	...	4.9	5.2	11.7
219	76	Mcalpine (A)	110	-2	10.3	...	7.6
75	19	McCarthy & S	29½	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Int	296	-7	16.5	7.3	29.4
14	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	65	-3	10.5	...	...
73	18	NSM	70	-2	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	132	-5	9.3	9.4	20.4
327	146	Persimmon	217	-3	8.6	5.3	17.9
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	28.0	2.7	8.9
135	66	Prowting	83	...	3.4	5.5	...
23	3½	Quiggin	5½	...	...	...	...
689	383	RMC Gp	565	-6	20.0	4.7	21.0
137	61	Raine Ind	106	-1	6.0	7.5	17.7
96	23	Ransom	34	...	...	0.4	...
565	300	Redland	431	-8	25.0	7.7	26.8
101	61	Roskel	74	...	4.5	7.7	9.9
248	152	Rugby Group	219	-15	6.4	3.9	16.5
48	25	Sandell Perkins	26	...	...	...	4.7
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	73	+2	4.0	7.3	...
126	70	Sheffield Insl	125	...	5.4	5.8	32.3
84	53	Sheriff Hldgs	84	+2	...	3.2	-
85	53	Shanks	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
232	188	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	5.0	10.2
15	6	Sommlin	6½	...	0.3	6.2	7.8
161	51	Tarmac	105	-2	5.5	7.0	43.4
236	129	Tay Homes	165	-2	5.8	4.7	9.1
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	66	-1	9.5	...	9.3
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	473	-7	33.0	9.3	15.6
48	18	Torex Hiree	19	...	...	3.0	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	181	...	8.0	5.9	25.6
58	30	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
100	45	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	7.3	12.1
55	12	Ward Hldgs	20	-1	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
407	265	Watts Blake	375	...	9.3	3.3	19.5
19	9	Wescol	12	...	...	...	...
120	45	Westbury	92	-4	...	7.0	...
18	5	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowden	380	-4	8.7	3.0	20.0
221	96	Wilson (C)	169	-5	3.9	3.1	26.8
189	65	Wimpey G	109	-3	...	6.4	41.9
81	26	YRM	31	...	4.0	17.2	3.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	475	-8	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	198	...	11.0	7.4	3.1
127	53	Air London	67	...	...	7.0	8.3
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Amb Sec	127	+1	4.9	5.1	10.3
208	80	BET Ord	101	-3	...	8.6	14.8
100	41	BNB Res	55	...	4.9	11.9	6.5
283	206	BPP	278	+3	6.8	3.3	15.7
280	178	Barbour Index	275	...	7.2	3.5	22.1
30½	13	Boxmead	17	...	0.7	5.5	34.8
192	111	Brit Data Mgt	188	-2	...	2.8	15.7
14	9	Broadcastle	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	102	...	2.4	3.1	11.7
434	262	Capita Group	432	-1	5.4	1.7	34.8
36	19	Cedar Plc	34½	...	0.5	2.0	12.0
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	48	+8	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
245	180	Clubb Sec	240	-2	...	1.6	28.5
43	18	Comaco	28	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	10½	-½	...	...	...
123	48	Datt	52	...	3.3	8.5	5.9
216	145	Davis Service	212	+2	7.9	5.0	16.1
115	85	EW Facts	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	15½	...	1.3	11.2	4.8
48	21	Gardner (DC)	33	...	...	...	...
239	163	Hays	228	-1	4.6	2.7	22.5
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	213	-3	6.3	3.9	16.0
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	65	-3	...	...	...
141	98	Hutch Whampoa	128	-3½	...	...	13.8
£101	6637½	ISS B DKr	9737½	-187½	...	1.1	13.8
576	375	Inchcape	558	-1	12.5	3.0	23.7
695	361	Johnson Clean	694	...	25.7	4.9	34.4
18½	2½	Lep	3½	...	...	...	...
210	168	Mitie Gp	181	+6	2.7	2.0	14.8
992	682	Manpower	926	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Michael Page	41	...	1.8	5.9	11.4
225	88	Penna	220	+2	...	1.2	55.7
9½	4	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	91	-1	19.5	28.6	1.9
453	355	RCO	390	...	12.6	4.3	13.7
183	117	RBA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	66	-2	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	140↑	...	...	4.3	14.1
13	4	Renaissance	4#	...	...	...	...
214	134	Rentokil	211	-2	1.6	1.1	31.0
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
354	234	Salvesen (C)	351	-3	7.0	2.7	19.4
45	25	Scot Pickford	29	...	...	3.7	8.0
190	98	Securiguard	188	-1	8.5	6.0	10.2
12	1½	Select Appt	5	...	...	...	...
718	535	Serco Gp	718	...	11.9	2.2	23.1
283	132	Sherwd Comps	252	...	...	3.2	6.8
157	87	Sketchley	127	+4	3.0	3.1	15.4
360	270	Warner Howrd	349	...	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	41½	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
15½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	+½	0.1	0.8	20.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	162	Allied Colloids	242↑	-3	3.9	2.1	19.2
653	413	Amersham	653	+4	12.5	2.6	24.2
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9025	7362½	BASF DM	8325	-25	...	9.4	...
280	201	BTP	252	-1	8.8	4.7	18.4
£112	9050	Bayer DM50	£104½	-50	...	5.4	...
288	126	Blagden	151	-2	9.5	8.4	10.8
154	115	Brent Chems	148	-6	7.3	6.6	20.0
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	440	...	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	20	...	2.5	17.3	5.0
179	112	Cookson (W)	132	+1	7.2	7.4	10.6
616	371	Courtaulds	596	+½	13.0	2.9	16.2
244	142	Croda	242	-1	7.5	4.1	18.4
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	-7	7.0	5.1	16.9
16	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.8	5.4	...
121	43	Evode	120	+1	3.5	4.0	-
288	171	Halstead (J)	268	...	...	3.0	14.3
227	158	Hickson	195	...	7.8	5.3	12.4
1302	753½	Hoechst	960½	-37½	...	8.1	...
1410	975	ICI	1098	-3	55.0	6.7	26.5
660	434	Laporte	587	+4	18.9	4.3	15.8
328	138	Leigh	205	-3	7.8	5.1	16.2
290	11	MTM	14½	-½	1.8	...	2.9
1550	1100	Norsk Hydro	1500	-25	...	2.2	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	385	...	11.4	4.0	16.6
385	305	-do- 'A'	368	...	11.4	4.1	15.9
301	231	Plysu	277	+3	6.0	2.9	18.7
183	130	Porvair	183	...	...	2.4	19.0
11	4½	Sutcliffe Speak	7½	...	...	...	...
475	328	Wardle Storeys	474	-1	16.0	4.5	19.1
425	270	Wolstenholme R	425	...	16.3	5.1	18.7
389	259	Yorks Chem	382	+1	...	2.8	20.0
273	214	Yule Catto	258	-1	5.4	2.8	15.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	73	Alexon	82	-17	10.6	17.2	4.5
109	23	Amber Day	51	-5	3.1	8.1	14.0
306	190	Argos Plc	269	-7	6.4	3.2	18.2
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	86	-3	0.1	0.2	...
298	180	Asprey	285	...	...	2.3	23.1
340	180	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	...	5.7	5.5	13.4
144	74	Benalls	98	+1	3.8	5.2	55.3
240	86	Betterware	234	+4	...	0.7	32.2
114	22	Blacks Leis	31	...	3.3	...	6.4
371	138	Body Shop	164	-10	1.6	1.3	18.9
17½	3	Brown & Jacksn	13	...	...	...	...
333	260	Brown (N)	332	-1	6.0	2.4	20.6
83½	30	Burton	70½	-2½	2.0	3.5	...
320	126	Cantors	133	...	...	2.7	39.4
398	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	100	-1	3.7	5.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	221	-4	7.0	4.2	25.3
163	77	Colourvision	87	+1	...	8.3	14.7
389	300	Courts Furnish	380	+5	5.0	1.7	19.4
252	100	Crown Eyes	155	...	...	5.2	7.2
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	103	+1	...	...	18.2
53½	27½	Dewhirst (I)	52½	-1	0.7	1.8	17.4
286	179	Dixons Grp	262	-12	8.0	3.1	29.0
495	395	Dunhill	386	...	7.7	2.7	13.4
33	13	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
780	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	4.0	11.8
97	39½	Essex Furn	92	-5	...	4.0	18.4
258	199	Etam	218	...	6.6	4.0	19.5
519	340	Fine Art Dev	506	-5	11.0	2.9	19.4
80	36	Fired Earth Tiles	30	+2	4.0	...	21.9
500	438	Forminster	498↑	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
26	5	French Conn	24	...	...	...	...
75	24	Gabicci	41	-1	...	6.5	8.2
69	39	Gent SR	50	...	2.0	5.3	14.7
32	18	Goldsmiths Gp	29	...	1.8	...	...
2403	1800	GUS	2403	...	40.0	2.2	19.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1673	-37	40.0	3.2	13.2
75	30	Hampden Grp	34	...	...	7.8	4.8
283	123	Harstone	232	-5	4.8	2.8	14.3
25	16½	Helene Plc	22½	+½	2.0	11.9	9.8
34	18	Heritage	34	+2	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle	43	...	...	3.1	7.2
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
195	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	4.2	...
598	414	Kingfisher	567	-4	13.0	3.1	17.0
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	8.1	11.1
685	405	Liberty	590	+5	7.2	1.7	37.4
373	162	Lloyds Chem	267	-11	5.5	2.7	10.5
152	90½	MFI	139	-2	...	3.6	18.5
348	268	Marks Spencer	319	-1	7.1	3.0	19.4
474	319	Menzies (John)	472	...	10.0	2.8	16.8
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
151	57	Next	149	-1	0.7	0.7	29.4
35	16	Oliver (G)	16	...	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oriflame Intl	220	...	...	5.6	14.1
143	49	Pentos	58	-1	2.7	6.3	6.8
37½	3½	Pepe Group	4	...	...	...	0.3
275	202	QS Hldgs	275	+5	4.7	2.3	21.3
29	7	Ramers Group	11½	-1½	2.4	27.2	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp	21	-1	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	153	+3	...	2.0	14.7
113	54	Sears	101	-1	...	4.6	27.7
525	357	Smith WH 'A'	486	-13	13.4	3.9	14.9
29	14	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
207	87	Storehouse	201↑	...	5.0	3.3	...
256	153	T & S Stores	185	...	5.5	4.0	12.0
74	27	Tie Rack	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
185	132	Time Products	167	...	7.5	6.0	16.3
86	47	Usher (Frank)	71	+1	...	9.4	7.0
38	23	Viva	28	...	...	...	77.3
68	28	Wensum	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	53	Wickes	82	-4	...	...	...
70	28	Wid of Leather	53	+2	...	...	62.4
205	102½	Wyevale	148	...	...	3.4	16.5
7	3	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	3.2

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	69	+2	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	169	...	4.5	3.6	16.6
231	195	Acatos	223	...	...	3.5	18.7
63	6	Acorn Comp	54½	+13	...	...	...
398	299	Admiral	398	+3	4.8	1.6	18.0
133	96	Alba	108	...	4.7	5.9	14.1
75	7	Alphameric	21½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	33	...	0.4	2.3	...
141	83	App Holo	123	...	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
39	12	Astec	38½	...	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	290	...	9.2	4.3	13.2
20	1½	Bennett & Fountn	4½	+½	...	...	...
361	207	BICC	334	-8	19.2	7.7	19.5
480	314	Brick	480	...	9.2	2.6	-
4575	1250	Borlands	1350	...	...	...	...
250	208	Bowthorpe	228	-1	6.0	2.8	19.7
415½	305	BT	388	-3½	14.4	4.9	14.2
315	212	BT New	283	-4	14.4	4.9	14.2
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	6	...	0.1	2.2	...
226	80	Burnfield	110	...	...	7.0	15.8
718	489	Cable Wireless	708	+1	13.2	2.5	21.9
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	-½	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro	235	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	83	-1	5.4	...	10.7
16	8	Cranbrook	8	...	...	...	...
129	60½	Cray Elect	125	...	...	0.5	39.5
506	331	Delta	435	...	14.0	4.3	17.2
225	146	Densitron	225	...	...	3.5	10.2
491	375	Domino	475	-6	6.2	1.8	18.7
66	43	Dowding Mills	49	...	2.5	6.8	16.1
1015	750	Druck	938	+8	...	1.3	22.8
375	233	Electrocomponts	368	-7	7.0	2.5	19.9
546	296	El Data Prc	485	...	5.1	1.4	-
53	38	Electron House	53	+3	2.3	5.9	20.0
25½	7	Emess	10½	...	...	...	...
473	292	Eurotherm	463	+8	7.2	2.1	28.6
116	51	FKI	113	-2	2.3	2.7	21.9
367	227	Farnell Elect	358	-4	5.8	2.2	19.5
40	18	Feedback	33	...	...	...	...
13	1½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
106	30	First Tech	104	-1	...	...	...
84	71	Forward Gp	81	...	...	4.1	9.7
28½	10	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
288	183	GEC	272↑	-2	9.6	4.7	14.4
337	103	Graseby	143	-1	10.9	10.2	12.4
57	38	Hilctana	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
452	395	Hoskyns Gp	452	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM	85	...	...	6.6	5.4
330	190	Jones Stroud	330	+2	8.0	3.2	16.2
21	8	Kenbury	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys	35	...	...	...	2.8
120½	92	Kode	117	...	...	4.6	15.3
20	8	Laser-Scan	20	+2	...	...	...
131	49½	LDM	120	+1	...	...	...
315	255	Lec Refrig	257	...	14.5	7.5	19.6
178	125	Life Sciences	174	-2	3.3	2.6	19.3
232	130	Logica	178	+2	3.6	2.7	25.6
58	45	LPA Ind	46	...	...	10.2	12.1
553	371	Macro 4	550	-3	...	3.1	20.5
585	335	Memcor	565	...	...	2.1	19.4
211	159	Microfilm Rep	208	...	4.3	2.8	19.9
2733	1453	Micro Focus	2708	-7	...	...	30.1
214	130	Microgen	211	-1	7.0	4.4	16.5
35	13	Microvitec	24½	...	...	...	...
385	201	Misys	375	-8	6.1	2.2	21.1
121	40	Mitel	121	+7	...	...	...
123	78	MMT Comp	121	-2	...	3.9	15.4
92	26	Molynx	26	...	4.0	20.5	2.5
373	204	NTL Instr	204	...	...	2.2	12.7
146	82	Multitone Elect	143	...	3.0	2.8	17.4
125	71	Murray Elect	125	+2	1.8	2.0	-
5687½	3962½	NYNEX	5487½	-62½	...	...	...
153	115	Neotronics	148	...	2.5	2.3	20.0
63	52	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
77	33	Norbain	71	-2	...	1.9	14.7
50	21	Northamber	25	...	0.5	2.7	...
17½	10½	Oceanics	12	...	...	...	7.8
254	165	Oxford Inst	199	...	4.3	2.9	13.3
127	46	P-E Internl	49	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	32	-3	4.3	...	11.4
66	42	Peek	60½	+½	3.4	7.5	17.9
190	85	Pegasus	115	...	...	8.1	-
9200	7000	Philips Pn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	725	-25	...	...	...
405	310	Pifco	405	+25	7.7	2.6	34.6
365	280	-do- 'A' Voting	365	+25	7.7	2.8	31.2
91	48	Plasmec	85	...	...	3.8	10.0
104	63	Pressac	95	+10	2.4	3.4	13.8
220	65	Psion	121	-2	...	2.6	...
7	2	Ptarmigan	7	...	...	...	...
182	120	Racal Elect	171	-4	1.5	1.2	20.3
46	26	Radamec	46	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
58	25	Radius	44	...	...	8.2	32.7
118	69	Real Time	89	+1	...	4.5	8.1
28	10	Riva	21	...	...	...	...
515	328	Sage Gp	513	+2	9.0	2.4	16.3
60	44	Scantronic	59	+1	2.9	6.7	18.6
136	92	Scholes Grp	136	+2	5.0	4.9	26.7
340	179	Sema Gp	322	-5	2.6	1.1	27.7
50	29	Soundtracks	38	...	...	7.7	10.3
1983½	1375	TDK	1800	-48½	...	1.4	20.4
8	3	TDS Circuits	5½	+½	...	...	...
95½	30	Telemetrix	95½	+3	0.6	0.8	33.3
888	633	THORN EMI	851↑	-9	30.1	4.7	21.9
110	88	Thorpe FW	107	...	2.5	3.1	11.0
78	33	Total Systems	75	...	2.3	4.0	13.4
385	190	Tunstall	385	...	6.0	2.1	-
236	123	Unitech	178	-1	5.8	4.4	22.5
24½	9	Verity	11	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vinten	25	...	...	1.6	33.3
434	285	Vodafone	417↑	-5	...	1.9	20.5
430	260	Volex	430	...	17.0	5.3	21.1
17	10	Western Selecn	17	+1	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	236	+1	11.7	6.6	20.2

Selling contained

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4. Dealings end January 15. §Contango day January 18. Settlement day January 25. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	430	-4	17.1	5.4	8.2
433	266	Eastern Elect	429	-1	16.7	5.3	10.5
263	143	Hydro-Elect	248	-2½	10.1	4.3	11.1
466	288	London Elect	437	-7	16.8	5.1	8.4
513	324	Manweb	489	...	18.2	5.0	7.1
482	287	Midlands Elec	475	...	17.2	4.9	9.8
490	295	Northern Elec	480	-2	18.5	5.2	7.0
491	298	Norweb	473	-7	17.7	5.1	8.8
247	142	Scottish Power	233	-4	10.1	4.5	11.1
474	297	Seeboard	465↑	-3	17.2	4.9	8.4
539	313	Sth Wales	510↑	+2	19.4	5.1	8.1
474	293	Sth Western	457	-6	17.4	5.1	8.1
449	270	Southern Elec	444↑	+1	16.6	5.0	8.8
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	490↑	-7	17.7	4.8	9.1
250½	188	National Powr	279	+3½	9.1	4.4	9.1
295	196	PowerGen	278	+4	9.2	4.5	8.6

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	57	...	0.5	...	36.4
65	37½	BWD	64	-1	...	6.3	8.9
124	23	Baltic Plc	32	...	4.3	...	2.8
483	289	Caledonia	449	-2	14.4	4.3	17.2
1950	1050	Camellia	1100	...	27.0	3.3	9.2
280	200	Candover	251	...	9.5	5.0	20.7
91	48	Flextech	85	-5	...	...	8.4
156	80	Govett	155	...	...	8.9	4.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	130↑	...	...	6.4	13.8
6½	2½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Eightship	12	+1	...	...	0.6
155	110	Lon Forfaiting	155	...	...	6.6	13.5
84	14	Manakin	69	...	...	...	...
7	1½	Nat Home Loan	3½	...	...	...	...
41	24	Newmarket	41	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	259	-1	...	2.6	18.3
19	9½	Rutland Tst	19	...	0.8	5.4	10.8
330	120	S & U	327	-1	...	3.3	11.8
45	21	Silverstones	28	...	...	10.3	...
52	34	Singer & Fried	51	-1	2.5	6.5	11.2
868	575	Sotheby's	825	...	...	4.6	...
93	73	SP Capital	86	...	3.0	4.7	15.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1656½	1043½	Amer Express	1612½	-28½	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	184↑	-1	6.7	4.9	-
873	535	Henderson Ad	855	-5	41.0	6.4	18.8
100	50	Invesco MIM	99	...	...	4.0	14.5
223	121	Jardine Strat	171	+6	...	3.9	8.3
174	109½	MAI	163	-2	6.0	4.9	11.8
429	244	MAM	394	-45	11.5	3.9	15.7
665	460	M & G	645	-6	20.0	4.1	17.2
133	81	Smith New Ct	120	-3	4.5	5.0	4.8
98	57	Sterling Tst	97#	...	...	...	8.5

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	505	-8	14.0	3.7	11.4
69½	22½	ASDA Group	63	-1½	2.1	...	16.1
178	75	Acatos & Hutch	177	...	6.5	5.0	-
83	31	Albert Fisher	62	-2	3.7	8.1	10.3
432	273	Argyll	389	-8	9.7	3.3	15.3
51	11	Ashley Group	19	...	0.7	5.3	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	136	...	7.0	6.9	25.1
190	143	Banks (S C)	189	+4	8.2	5.8	9.3
339	200	Barr (AG)	339	+4	6.5	2.6	...
117	74	Bensons Crisps	76	...	...	5.0	8.1
27½	10	Berisford Intl	24½	...	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	415	-12	21.7	7.0	12.7
44	26	Borthwick	37½	...	1.1	3.9	26.2
474	334	Brake Bros	455	-18	5.7	1.7	19.0
51	31	Budgen	47	...	...	...	...
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	455	-7	12.5	3.7	16.7
107	64	Carrs Milling	84↑	...	3.9	6.2	16.6
280	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	136	...	11.5	9.8	7.4
186	140	Cranswick	186↑	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	11½	...	0.5	5.8	6.2
475	275	Dalepak	383	...	6.0	2.1	17.0
486	352	Dalgety	481	-4	19.5	5.4	16.0
54	27	Daniels S	30	...	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	92½	Everest	130	...	...	3.6	13.5
275	234	Farepak	220	...	...	2.5	19.1
16	3	Farringford	5½	...	...	...	...
81	53	Finlay (James)	79	-1	4.1	7.0	14.8
93	68	Fyffes	83	...	...	2.8	10.7
440	249	Geest	392	-8	7.9	2.7	14.9
12	5	Global	8½	...	...	7.8	7.8
49	34	Grand Central	48	...	1.1	3.4	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	162	-6	6.1	5.0	9.8
200	68	Hillsdown	134	-10	8.8	8.8	8.0
61	27	Hunter Saphir	28	...	2.5	...	...
672	412	Iceland Frozen	651	-13½	8.5	1.7	17.4
142	103	JLI Group	121↑	-2	4.5	5.0	17.4
827	514	Kwik Save	782	-12	16.0	2.7	16.4
289½	169	Low (Wm)	252	...	8.4	4.4	12.2
74	29	Matthews (B)	43	...	4.5	...	9.1
33	9	Merchant Retail	19½	...	1.1	10.0	36.2
177	83½	Morrison (W)	165	+1	...	0.5	25.8
515	318	Nichols (JN)	458	...	12.3	3.6	13.1
337½	215	Nthn Foods	279	-10	...	3.8	15.4
48	11	Nrthmbrn Fds	14	...	...	7.1	5.8
186	132	Nurdin Peack	178	...	5.3	4.2	12.1
215	78½	Park Foods	206	-8	3.2	2.1	24.6
155	45	Perkins Food	96	-3	4.3	6.0	8.4
304	130	RHM	285	-7	...	6.5	14.6
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
592	337	Sainsbury J	562	-4	8.7	2.1	20.9
81	35	Sentry Farms	36	...	...	3.7	8.4
340	175	Sims Food	207	+10	11.2	7.2	11.2
443	285	Tate & Lyle	404	-1	12.0	4.0	14.9
296	194½	Tesco	269	-1	6.3	3.1	12.8
210	152	Thorntons	205	...	3.6	2.4	19.1
133	83	Treats	118	-10	...	4.2	-
368	192	Unigate	320	-10	15.3	6.4	11.4
440	222	Utd Biscuits	365	-6	15.3	5.6	12.7
25	12	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.2	14.8
357	205	Watson & Phil	275	+2	12.8	6.2	11.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Hs	16	...	...	...	...
79	52	City Centre Rest	78	-1	1.4	2.5	21.9
202	112	Forte	193	-4	9.9	6.8	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	190	-9	5.5	3.9	15.2
12	5	Harmony Leis	9	...	...	...	...
267	138	Ladbroke	193	-1	11.1	7.7	15.9
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	64	-2	...	4.9	18.4
92	26	Queens Moat	50	-2	2.8	7.7	6.7
118	51½	-do- 7½% cvpr	89½	...	7.5	11.2	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	31	-1½	3.4	14.8	3.9
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Simpsons Crts	36	...	...	...	...
44	23	Stakis	41	-3	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	9.8
616	460	AAH	597	-18	16.3	3.7	19.0
280	122	AIM	167	...	6.5	5.2	11.8
136	76	APV	115½	-½	5.4	6.2	20.9
165	50	ASW	97	...	9.0	...	18.4
139	86	Adwest	133	...	7.0	7.0	18.9
33	5	Aerospace Eng	11½	...	1.0	11.6	7.0
460	253	Airsprung	458	-1	7.5	2.2	12.7
115	38	Alexdn W	114	-1	3.6	4.2	61.6
22	12	Allied Radio	12½	...	...	...	...
443	358	Alumasc	433	...	11.0	3.4	13.2
62	9	Alvis	18↑	...	1.0	7.4	-
400	308	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.9	10.3
33	13	Amberley Gp	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	140↑	...	4.4	4.2	79.9
735	503	Anglovaal	705	...	...	2.7	17.2
41½	29½	Armour	37	...	1.4	5.4	10.9
168	123	Ash & Lacy	152	+2	6.4	5.6	12.5
3½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
487	300	Avon Rubber	455	...	16.5	4.8	-
178	103	Assoc Nursing	175	...	...	...	6.7
860	445	Atlas Equip	690	...	...	4.6	12.6
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	38	...	...	...	...
170	100	BBA	102	-3	7.5	6.2	20.9
53	34	BLP Group	38	...	...	...	...
417	56	BM Gp	73	-3	5.0	9.1	3.1
774	583	BOC	762	-7	23.2	4.2	16.3
73½	51½	BSG	73½	...	3.2	5.9	10.6
440	296	BSS Group	400	+2	...	5.8	16.0
561	381	BTR	546	-3	16.5	4.0	19.2
205	115	BWT	204	-1	6.7	4.4	22.5
70	35½	Babcock	37½	-1	3.1	...	7.8
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
266	193	Baird (Wm)	249	-4	8.9	4.8	16.0
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	612½	+12½	...	6.3	3.1
45	7	Baynes (H)	7#	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	51	-1	1.3	3.5	16.3
36	11	Beauford	11	...	1.3	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	20	...	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	21½	...	0.1	0.6	20.1
625	444	Bespak	625	+3	9.0	1.9	19.4
181	109	Bibby (J)	120	...	9.7	11.5	6.6
146	84	Billam (J)	146	...	4.2	3.9	6.7
55	28	Bilston Battersea	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	3½	Bimec Ind	11½	...	0.6	...	...
38	20	Black Arrow	32	...	2.1	8.8	7.6
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn	¼	...	...	...	...
153	103	Black (Peter)	151	-2	2.9	2.6	18.4
140	32	Bluebird Toys	140	...	...	...	...
501	361	Bodycote	500	...	9.2	2.5	17.6
571	398	Boots	500	-9	12.4	3.3	18.8
84	40	Booth Inds	58	...	3.3	7.4	6.0
508	312½	Bowater	456	-10	...	3.2	20.8
1637	905	Bowater Inc	1492↑	-40	...	...	...
204	126	Brammer Inds	204	+1	...	2.3	19.7
20	13	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	5.0	20.0
274	186	Brammer	220	...	13.0	2.9	15.1
33	11	Bridgend Gp	13	...	1.2	...	5.9
103	34	Bridon	76	-6	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gundry	55	...	4.1	9.9	10.3
36	23	Brierley Inv	33	-1	...	9.0	8.6
543	308	Br Bldg & Eng	308	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	458	+5	9.0	2.6	13.9
86	43½	Br Steel	60½	-1	...	7.2	57.6
100	88	Br Syphon	100	...	3.0	4.0	28.0
13	9	Br Thornton	11½	...	...	2.9	...
294	212	Br Vita	248	-2	...	3.8	16.3
7½	5½	Britton Grp	7½	+½	...	...	...
623	429	Broken Hill	584	+1	...	3.2	26.8
128½	67	Bromsgrove Ind	81↑	...	4.0	6.6	11.2
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	55	...	4.7	...	...
174	68	Bullough	97	...	6.0	8.3	9.5
37	13	Business Tech	19	...	...	...	22.9
35	12	CI Group	20	+1	2.0	13.7	8.2
66	14	Campbell & Arm	21	+4	2.0	...	...
50	3	Caston St	9½	-1½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	228	...	10.5	6.1	14.5
189	130	Cardo Eng	189	+10	7.8	5.6	15.7
2255	1675	Carnaud MB	2150	...	...	4.2	6.7
80	55	Cassidy Bros	78	...	...	4.1	8.6
195	118	Castings	163	...	4.0	3.3	11.6
140	93	Chamberlin Hill	116	+3	6.0	6.9	7.0
658	487	Charter Cons	653	-1	21.5	4.4	15.7
933	703	Chemring	933↑	...	32.6	4.7	14.0
120	90	Chieftain Gp	90	...	...	7.3	10.0
39	18	Chillington	28	+1	0.5	2.4	...
170	90	Christies Int	147	...	3.3	...	...
53	33	Claybithe	43	...	2.5	7.8	...
140	80	Clayton Son	80	...	3.0	5.0	...
7	¼	Co Designers	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	400	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	223	...	6.5	3.9	13.9
393	252	Concentric	393	...	11.1	3.8	-
335	86	Cook (Wm)	130	+3	10.0	...	8.7
203	103	Coalston	196	-4	6.0	4.1	27.3
60	35	Copymore	43	...	...	8.4	8.4
240	176	Crowell Pkr 'A'	237	...	5.3	3.2	17.9
178	118	Cosalt	168	...	10.7	8.5	25.6
250	180	Creighton Nt	220↑	...	...	4.2	15.9
30	20	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
3187½	1456½	Dana	3087½	-100	...	...	...
405	168	Danka Bs Sys	405	+11	3.7	1.2	12.5
11	5	Davies (DT)	7	...	...	...	...
681	474	De La Rue	668	+1	15.0	3.0	20.5
23	10	Dinkie Heel	17	...	0.9	7.5	8.1
412	263	Diploma	405	-2	9.7	3.2	21.1
88	43	Dobson Park	53	...	5.7	14.5	-
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	92	...	5.0	7.2	13.2
66	54	-do- 'A'	58	...	5.0	11.5	8.3
16	8	EFG	10	+1	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	425	-3	11.7	3.7	15.8
29	12	EIT Gp	15½	+1½	...	...	...
23	16	Elbief	20	-1	...	...	...
57	28	Eleco	43	...	3.3	10.2	25.3
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2162½	-27½	...	5.6	27.5
480	45	Elliott (B)	45	...	...	...	...
608	330	Eng China Cl	467	-11	20.0	5.7	16.1
1825	900	Ericsson 'B'	1587½	-25	...	2.0	48.5
91	56	Erskine Hse	69	+3	6.6	12.9	7.2
101	29	Eurocopy	42	+7½	1.6	5.1	-
158	29	Expamet	51	...	10.3	...	6.1
530	302	Fairey Group	529	...	9.0	2.3	17.6
108	61	Fenner	88	...	4.2	6.4	16.6
37	18	Ferraris Group	34	+1	...	3.9	7.8
1½	¼	Ferrometal	1¼	+¼	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	27	...	2.5	12.3	7.3
81	35	Fife Indmar	35	...	4.9	...	4.7
403	143	Fisons	242	-4½	8.7	4.8	17.6
61	28	Flexwitton	35	...	...	14.5	...
250	200	Fogarty	215	...	...	4.9	8.4
56	39	Folkes Group nv	40	...	2.3	7.9	8.1
73	42	French (Thomas)	40	...	3.6	11.1	20.4
580	288	Frost Group	565	+5	2.0	0.5	36.4
115	63	GEI Int	74	...	7.3	13.2	15.2
472	281	GKN	468	-2	20.5	5.8	29.8
93	40	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	6.3	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
182	93	Gestetner	151	-4	8.2	7.6	-
58	21	Glees	36	...	...	...	26.0
943	632	Glaxo	740	+8	17.0	3.1	22.4
20	14	Glencheston	16	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	248	-7	11.6	6.3	24.4
97	63	Goode Durrant	72	+4	5.4	10.0	12.6
199	79	Grampian Hd	123	...	5.5	6.0	15.9
379	192	Granada	360↑	-2	7.7	2.9	19.2
306	245	Great Shm	306	+1	...	4.4	13.2
125	75	Green (Ernst)	80	...	...	11.7	11.0
11	6	Greenacre	9½	+¼	...	3.5	10.2
20	6	Guardian Grp	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	41	...	8.0	...	6.5
80	43	Hadleigh Inds	45	+1	...	3.7	...
169	97	Hall Eng	123	-1	8.6	9.4	11.0
12	3	Halls Homes	3#	...	...	...	...
235	148	Halma	226↑	-4	2.2	1.3	28.0
35	29	Hampson Ind	48	...	2.3	6.6	13.3
244½	184½	Hanson	236	-1½	11.0	6.2	12.0
227	138	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.2	3.8	15.3
163	104	Harrison Crsfld	155	-4	9.0	7.7	26.7
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Les	3½	+½	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	29	+5	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	17	...	0.7	5.5	9.0
437	211	Hepworth	306	-10	14.8	6.5	12.2
164	116	Hewitt (J)	161	...	2.5	2.1	12.4
28	21	High-Point	32	...	1.3	5.4	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	129	+2	...	5.6	14.4
10	3	Hobson	10	...	...	...	...
100	69	Holders Tech	92	...	...	8.9	12.4
80	24	Hopkinsons	32	...	3.7	...	9.3
232	165	Hornby	168	...	...	7.3	12.9
33	6½	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.8	2.1
72½	32	Howden	67	-1	2.0	4.0	11.5
201	149	Hunting	187	+1	10.0	7.1	14.6
918	285	Huntleigh Tech	880	...	...	0.7	32.5
306	220	IMI	286	-12	10.0	5.0	18.4
94	49	ISA Intl	94	...	1.3	1.9	18.2
205	127	Intercare Gp	195	+1	...	1.4	25.8
266	175	Isotron	240	...	3.9	2.2	16.4
498	259	Jardine Math	367	-10	...	2.8	11.6
537	317	Johnson Matth	534	-11	9.6	2.5	21.7
73	44½	Johnson & FB	59½	+1½	3.0	6.7	18.4
207	117	Johnston	135	...	9.0	...	63.6
62	14	Jones Shipman	21	...	...	...	...
35	22	Jourdan (T)	22	-1	1.5	9.1	...
49	28	Kalamazoo	30	+½	...	...	26.7
116½	78	Kalon	116½	...	3.2	3.7	16.8
458	253	Kelsey Ind	294↑	...	13.0	5.9	-
530	450	Kenthaw (A)	470	...	22.0	7.7	24.4
108	44	Klein-Eze	100	-7	...	...	...
66	30	LGW	65	...	...	2.3	22.9
343	228	Laird	289	-3	...	4.5	14.5
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	125	-8	5.9	6.3	61.5
118½	86	Lilleshall	114	...	4.0	4.7	13.1
102	71	Lincat	99	...	...	6.9	14.7
8½	3	Lincoln Hse	6½	+½	...	...	...
100	61	Linread	90	...	3.5	...	12.7
193	120	Linton Park	180	...	13.0	9.6	31.6
36	10½	Lionheart	14½	...	0.3	2.8	13.0
18½	10	Locker (T) A	18½	+1½	1.0	7.2	58.3
316	157½	Lon Intl	258	-5	9.4	5.0	17.2
180	57	Longton	72	-2	...	7.4	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	296	-2	9.1	4.1	16.3
323	200	MB-Caradon	296	-12	8.5	3.8	23.2
159	108½	-do- nf	149½	-4	7.2	6.5	...
54	12	ML Hldgs	18	...	1.8	...	12.1
39	19	MS Intl	28↑	+1	2.5	11.9	30.2
46	31	MY Holdings	46↑	...	...	2.9	14.0
261	171	Macfarlane	261	+1	4.2	2.2	24.7
399	220	McKechnie	393	-1	14.7	5.0	20.5
119	72	McLeod Russel	105	...	6.0	7.6	12.8
12½	6½	Maddox	7½	...	...	...	...
91	55	Magnolia	66	...	5.4	...	48.2
98	66	Mang Bronze	79	+2	1.0	1.7	...
74½	15	Marling	26	...	0.3	...	...
132	87	Mayborne	132	...	...	4.2	11.3
39	29	Mayflower	37	...	...	1.4	18.3
301	150	Medeva	203	-2	1.5	1.0	20.1
106	66	Meggitt	92	-5	3.6	5.2	13.2
125	90	Metair	120	...	...	3.9	15.8
137	68	Metoc	75	...	...	6.7	...
51	27	Midstates	38	...	...	13.8	4.7
22½	15	Mining & Alld	16	...	0.5	4.3	...
382	295	Molins	369	-1	12.7	4.6	9.8
348	229	Morgan Cble	337	-8	12.6	5.1	16.0
145	79	Morris Ashby	145	...	...	4.4	12.5
31	14	Neepsend	28	-2	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	34	-1	3.1	12.4	3.5
124	68	Nobo Gp	122	...	3.5	3.8	14.9
164	62	Norcros	131↑	-1	7.0	7.1	22.4
81	28	Novo Group	37	+2	...	1.1	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	329	+1	...	8.1	9.1
37	31	Office Elec Mac	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
41	10	OMI Intl	28	+½	1.7	8.3	...
155	136	PCT	140	...	...	6.7	12.7
51	48	Pacer Systems	48	...	...	7.4	...
147	94	Pentland	126	-1	2.2	2.4	18.1
352	280	Photo-Me	335	-2	4.4	1.8	17.0
168	67	Pilkington	106	-2	6.0	7.4	39.3
34	21	Plaxton	21	...	0.1	...	...
79	39	Plantbrook	70	+1	...	3.1	11.6
147	93	Polypipe	133	-1	1.9	2.0	19.9
499	335	Portals	488	...	13.8	3.7	16.2
65	18	Porter Chadburn	32	+2	2.5	10.7	7.7
14	1½	Porth Gp	5½	...	...	...	...
327	204	Powerscreen	324	-1	6.0	2.5	18.3
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	5.1	9.8
49	16½	RPS Group	36	+1	...	...	12.0
100	70	Radiant Metal	75	...	...	3.9	31.7
92	31	Ransom Oils	89	+1	...	3.0	63.5
772	444	Rank Org	711	-5	31.0	5.8	20.0
39	6	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
700	523	Reckitt Colm	638	-15	15.1	3.1	15.1
100	40	Record	58	+2	3.6	8.3	11.2
9½	2½	Reexn	3½	...	...	...	8.7
109	105	Relyon	134	...	4.8	4.9	17.4
313	248	Renishaw	294	-3	6.5	2.0	22.5
48	44	Renold	59	...	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1388	-44	17.0	1.6	24.9
37	22½	Rexmore	27½	+¼	1.7	8.5	6.8
101	58	Ricardo Intl	99	...	5.7	7.7	25.4
81	50	Richard (Leics)	59	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
69	47	Richardson West	67	...	2.9	5.8	16.1
130	97	Rupner	100	...	8.2	10.1	7.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	71	...	8.2	11.0	7.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	34	-1	0.4	1.8	18.2
403	258	Rotork	403	+3	10.0	3.3	18.6
132	85	Rubicon	123	-4	...	...	...
100	57	Russell (A)	64	...	...	...	...
20	14	SEP India	18↑	...	...	4.9	-
1200	642½	SKF 'B'	667½	...	...	5.7	...
14	3	Sale Tilney	4#	...	...	...	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	254↑	...	9.0	4.7	10.8
56	32	Savage	40	...	...	0.8	52.7
41	29	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	7.2	17.1
232	158	Scapa	221	-1	3.1	1.1	18.8
245	188	Scholl	221	-1	6.0	3.6	15.9
17	2½	Scot Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
945	648	Securicor	945	-2	2.3	0.3	43.3
652	469	-do- 'A'	632	-2	2.3	0.5	28.0
535	367	Security Serv	534	-1	4.4	1.1	34.2
89	58½	Senior Eng	87½	-1½	3.1	4.8	14.5
328	237½	Seton Health	328	+3	...	2.1	21.0
72	48	Sheldon Jones	48	...	...	...	...
146	85	Shiloh	96	...	2.7	3.8	20.0
334	221	Sidlaw	333	...	10.0	4.0	15.5
435	259	Siebe	430	-21	...	2.8	12.6
288	188	Silentnight	205	...	8.0	4.2	12.6
121	68	Simon Darby	105	-9	...	4.2	12.5
304	60	Simon Eng	110	-3	15.7	19.0	14.5
280	196	Sinclair (Wm)	241	...	7.0	3.9	15.5
51	27	Six Hundred	47	...	3.5	7.1	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	159½	-½	4.4	3.7	20.0
566	397½	Smiths Inds	469	+1	7.7	2.2	19.0
598	353	Southkine Uts	432	+3	...	2.4	16.7
394	255	Smiths Ind	376	-4	11.2	4.0	15.3
121	76	Stirn Bros	111	-3	2.9	3.5	10.0
350	265	Spandex	225	+8	...	2.9	14.0
330	230	Spear (JW)	310	...	10.0	4.3	9.6
325	231	Spirax-Sarco	322	-1	9.0	3.7	19.3
181	83½	Spring Ram	116	-7	0.2	0.1	15.3
48	21	Star Comp	47#	...	...	...	27.0
270	158	Staveley	253	-8	8.3	4.3	14.4
131	102	Sterling Ind	130↑	...	5.6	5.7	16.3
14½	9	Stonehill	11#	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	108	...	8.6	10.9	9.6
319	160	Swire Pacific 'A'	251	-2	...	3.0	18.4
19	5	Sycamore	7	...	...	...	...
300	232	Syltone	250	...	9.4	5.0	11.5
177	98	T & N	130	-3	10.8	8.5	32.1
322	251	TI	288	-10	10.2	4.6	16.1
23	10	TLS Range	17	...	...	3.9	...
251	167	TT Group	237	+10	...	3.1	16.7
232	170	Tairex	231	+1	1.5	0.6	22.9
712	405	Takeda Chem	640	-8	...	0.7	17.0
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	28	+1	...	...	...
77	53	Tinsley (E)	77↑	+3	...	9.0	9.0
120	85	Thame	160	+2	...	3.1	-
269	195	Tomkins	246	-11	...	3.5	17.2
165	39	Trafalgar H	87	-2	6.0	9.2	5.8
161	36	-do- 'A'	85	-1	...	...	...
51½	269½	Transfer Tech	405	+11	...	4.3	11.1
175	133	Triplex Lloyd	170↑	-3	7.0	5.5	14.9
246	165	UniChem	245	-1	5.0	2.7	18.1
320	250	Unidare	290	...	...	7.5	10.2
24	8½	Unigroup	13	...	...	...	...
1129	865	Unilever	1059	-20	18.9	2.4	16.4
7100	5375	Unilever (NV)	6625	-75	...	3.1	10.8
548	265	VSEL	515	...	25.0	6.5	5.9
15	2½	Vernon	7	...	...	...	...
186	60	Vickers	114	-8	8.0	...	25.6
409	260	Victaulic	353	-11	...	2.8	16.8
289	231	Vinten	288	...	6.6	3.1	15.5
449	240	Vosper Thorny	449	...	13.1	3.9	10.8
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	458↑	-1	...	4.9	17.7
78	45	Walker Greenbk	74	-2	3.1	5.6	17.6
227	110	Wassall	209	-1	...	1.6	40.1
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	24	...	...	...	...
636	435	Weir	623	-4	10.5	2.2	18.1
1174	777	Wellcome	925	-9	13.0	1.9	28.5
39	23½	Wellman	27½	...	2.2	...	8.8
480	380	Wiseman	480	...	8.7	2.4	17.3
339	207	Whessoe	281	+2	8.0	3.8	10.6
34	5	Whewy	7	...	1.0	19.0	...
143	15	Whitecroft	31	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	6½	+1½	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	44	-8	10.0	...	2.4
379	222	Williams Hldg	344	-9	12.3	4.8	17.4
20½	8½	Wilshaw	20½	+½	0.4	2.6	16.8
552	282	Wolseley	546	-5	12.3	3.1	20.9
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	150	...	4.1	3.6	16.2
80	37	Wyko	45	...	2.8	8.3	20.5
70	38	Young (H)	41	...	3.0	9.8	-

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1025	Alex & Alex	1625	-25	...	3.9	...
3812½	2281	Am Gen	3643½	-43½	...	3.6	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	39	...	4.4	15.9	17.9
168	83	Bradstock	137	+1	5.1	5.1	-
1110	762	Britannic	1101	-9	28.5	3.6	...
641	422	Com Union	618	-16	23.6	5.1	...
1225	900	Dom & Gen	1225	...	...	2.0	20.2
31	18	EAI	19	-1	...	...	...
605	356	Gen Accident	558	-16	26.2	6.4	...
188	106	GRE	170	-3	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	351	-1	16.0	6.1	20.6
188	104	Hogg Gp	174	+1	8.1	6.2	10.6
208	102	JIB Group	177	-1	...	5.6	13.0
438	287	Legal & Gen	434	-2	18.8	5.8	...
327	257	Liberty Life	319	-8	...	3.4	19.9
447	285	Lloyds Abbey	427	-6	17.3	5.4	14.3
261	160	Lloyd Thomp	258	-2	5.6	2.9	18.0
296	203	London & Man	288	-4	13.3	6.3	22.0
354	224	Lowndes Lmb	343	-1	12.6	4.9	13.6
6187½	3937½	Marsh McLn	5750½	-106½	...	3.0	...
154	94	Oriel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	55	...	4.0	9.7	11.2
309	199	Prudential	289	-6	11.0	5.1	25.1
813	564	Refuge	810	...	29.0	4.8	36.3
294	118	Royal	283	-8	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	174	-1	6.0	4.6	18.7
321	162	Steel Burrill	224	...	13.2	7.9	14.2
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	82	-1	8.2	14.4	7.7
358	214	Sun Alliance	351	-7	14.2	5.4	...
59	20	Trade Indemnity	53	-1	...	...	...
248	165	Transatlantic	248	+2	...	8.5	17.3
505	305	Utd Friendly	501	+2	12.3	3.3	25.4
274	144	Willis Corroon	192	-3	13.2	9.2	21.5
21	14	Windsor	16	...	...	...	58.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1578	1218	Alliance	1548	-16	43.0	3.7	35.7
234	152	Amer Trust	227	-3	4.8	2.8	48.1
316	229	Ang & O'Seas	304	-4	6.4	2.8	45.5
127	98½	BZW Conv	129½	-½	7.6	8.2	14.8
138	104	Bankers	134	-2	3.4	3.4	-
288	206	Baring Tribne	267	...	6.3	3.1	42.9
172	116	Berry Starq	131	...	2.0	2.0	44.3
100	71½	Br Assets	96½	-2	4.1	5.8	23.6
59	49½	Br Empire Sec	57½	...	0.8	2.1	58.4
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14	...	...	...	...
159½	123	Br Inv	156	-1	4.5	3.8	39.2
1540	1200	City & Comm	1505	-15	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Assets	131	...	1.2	1.3	66.4
230	165	Derby Inc	191	...	18.4	...	10.4
200	140	-do- Cap	198	...	...	...	...
101	65	Drayton Asia	97½	-2½	0.7	1.0	...
95	59	-do- Blue Chip	65	+1	8.4	18.0	7.0
33	26	-do- Eng Intl	36	-3	1.2	4.4	52.8
91	61	-do- Far East	88	-1	0.6	0.8	...
100	56	-do- Korea	97	-2	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	583	-5	25.4	5.8	23.7
521	401	-do- Worlds	516	-1	9.5	2.5	51.2
270	200	Dundee & Lon	232	+1	12.0	6.9	21.4
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48↑	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
52	40½	-do- Div Pf	51½	...	...	...	...
282	199	Edinburgh	251	-1	8.0	4.3	30.7
149	107	Electric Gen	144½	-½	3.1	2.9	40.0
85	65	English Scot	85	...	...	...	...
234	186	European Asset	207	...	...	3.4	28.4
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	...	3.0	4.4	29.0
282	162	Fleming Amer	269	-5	1.2	0.7	...
385	302	-do- Claver	381	-2	10.5	3.7	37.6
238	173	Do Cont	223	-1	2.8	1.8	...
182	119	-do- Emrg	151	...	4.5	4.0	33.8
222	157	-do- F East	215	-2	1.5	0.9	...
271	198	-do- Fledg	254	...	3.0	1.6	...
112	81	-do- Hi Inc	111	...	5.8	7.0	18.9
160	100	-do- Japan	160	...	0.3	0.3	...
280	185½	-do- Merc	250	-3½	6.7	3.6	35.8
260	189½	-do- Overs	232	-2	4.0	2.5	30.6
212	150	Foreign & Col	208	-2½	...	2.2	60.0
173	144	-do- Eurotst	164	-2	1.3	1.0	...
100	71	-do- German	87	-1	0.4	0.6	...
194	134	-do- Pacific	194	+1	1.7	1.2	...
116½	79	-do- Smaller	118↑	+1	...	2.1	59.9
205	122	GT Japan	149	...	...	1.0	...
109	49	Gartmore Cons Cap	72	...	...	6.7	12.7
123	96	-do- Inc	114	...	...	7.8	...
128	83	Govett Am Smlr	126	-1	...	11.0	10.6
188	126	-do- Oriental	188	-½	0.8	0.6	...
238	150	-do- Strategy	209	-4	6.7	4.3	28.8
347	285	Greenfriar	346	...	8.1	2.4	-
28	1½	Gresham House	10	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	78.4
128	95	Inv Cap	128½	-1½	3.1	3.4	25.4
167	67	I&S UK Smllr	81	...	2.0	3.3	20.0
161	128	Kleinwort Chr	157½	-1	5.0	4.3	-
184	134½	-do- O'seas	176	-1	3.2	2.4	53.0
121	85	-do- Smlr	110	...	...	4.8	21.7
553	433	Law Debenture	543	-3	...	4.4	28.5
166	133½	Majedie	162	-1	...	3.9	31.7
221	176	Merchants	224	-4	...	6.4	30.4
4062½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	3800½	-81½	...	...	...
394	296	Monks Inv Tst	385	-4	6.7	2.3	52.0
109	81	Morg Gren Inc	107	...	...	5.7	-
24	13	Do Warrants	24	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	40	+1	0.4	1.6	...
30	4½	-do- Wts	5	...	...	...	...
282	223	Murray Income	280	-4	...	5.7	23.6
279	219	-do- Ind	265	-3	...	3.7	...
266	213	-do- Small	265	-1	4.0	3.0	52.4
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	14.4	-
96	54	-do- S/C Cap	75	...	...	...	...
2750	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2750	...	...	...	...
146	115½	-do- S/C DP	144½	...	...	5.1	-
254	189	-do- Vent	228	-1	10.3	3.8	18.8
60	44½	New Frontier	58	...	0.2	0.0	74.1
103	61	Nthbrog Dlr	73↑	+2	6.7	12.3	10.2
289	187	Orient Inv Tst	251	-1½	2.8	1.5	71.6
303	173	Pacific Assets	282	...	1.0	0.5	...
200½	80	Do Warrants	196	+1	...	...	...
82	57	Personal Assets	77½	-1	1.6	3.8	40.3
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	103	-1	1.1	1.5	40.6
118	98	River & Merc	117	+1	...	10.5	...
351	273	Robeco	330	...	...	3.7	...
350	268	Rolinco	346	...	...	2.1	...
234	194	St Andrew Inv	220	...	7.5	4.6	30.9
130	108	Scot American	132½	-1½	...	4.4	30.5
815	429	Scot Asian	690	-1	...	...	...
87	49	-do- Eastern	65	...	1.4	2.9	45.9
188	147	Scottish	180↑	-2½	4.6	3.4	-
184½	138	-do- Mtge	180	-3	3.0	2.9	42.4
77½	48	-do- Value	71	...	...	4.4	52.2
1403	1064	Second Alliance	1390	-34	36.5	3.5	37.3
77½	61	Scot Tst of Scot	75	-1	3.2	5.8	25.0
132	85	Selective Asset	113	-1	0.8	1.0	...
114	9½	Sphere Inv	14	...	...	...	...
117	70	TR Far East	110	...	4.5	5.2	25.5
131½	97½	TR City Of Lon	127	-1½	4.7	5.0	26.4
114	70	TR Pacific	112	...	...	0.3	...
27	14½	TR Property	17½	...	1.4	...	52.3
54	18	TR Tech Inv	47	-1	1.7	5.0	23.3
152	96	TR Tstls Ors	150	+3	3.7	3.3	43.9
286	226	Temple Bar	286	-4	...	2.1	20.1
73	51	Throgmtn Asian E	71	...	0.5	0.9	...
80	39	Throgmorton	57½	+½	2.3	5.3	22.4
388	280	Thmp Dual Cp	303	-2	...	...	...
181	137	USDC Invest	181	...	4.2	3.1	34.6
77½	59½	Value Inc Tst	77	...	...	6.2	20.3
627	483	Whitbread Inv	590	-3	15.0	3.4	39.2
186	139	Witan	181	-2½	...	4.1	32.0

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½#	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Alton	281↑	-7	7.2	3.4	-
30	18	Ald Leis	30	+7	4.7	11.9	11.6
343	145	Anglia TV	338	+1	...	5.1	18.0
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	197	...	10.0	6.8	9.8
1090	795	Boosey Hwks	1000	-30	20.0	2.5	16.0
113	70	Border TV	102	...	...	3.6	13.2
15½	4	Brent Walker	6½	+½	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	+½	2.1	...	1.1
448	200	Campari	280	+2	...	3.3	7.6
231	126	Capital Radio	180	...	5.2	3.9	21.0
802	468	Carlton Comm	802	...	...	2.9	23.1
223	120	Castle Comms	170	...	...	6.7	19.2
1681	1050	Central TV	1683	+8	30.5	2.4	21.6
88	49	Chrysalis	78	+2	...	...	...
545	405	Compass Gp	544	...	12.3	3.1	15.2
350	273	Eurocamp	346	...	...	3.3	19.0
1693	673	Euro Disney	735	-30	...	1.7	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
36	11	Ex-Lands	22	...	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier	1½	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	267	+7	10.5	5.4	...
355	230	First Leisure	322	-5	5.7	2.4	21.8
320	250	GWR Gp	298	...	...	3.2	...
170	91	Grampian	153	...	5.5	4.8	10.8
8	5	Greenwich Comm	5½	...	...	...	...
82	13	HTV Group	21	+2	3.7	...	2.0
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	31	+1	3.5	...	...
18½	2½	Icelock	5½	...	1.4	...	12.1
297	200	LWT (H)	286	+3	5.9	2.8	13.9
344	260	Man Utd	344	+5	18.0	7.0	11.8
121	44½	Owners Abrd	115½	-3½	3.5	4.1	...
35	19	The Pelican Gp	35	...	...	3.8	12.0
64	30	Prism Leisure	35	...	...	6.9	7.0
61	19	Quadrant Grp	19	-1	4.0	...	2.9
319	224	Radio Clyde	314	...	...	3.6	-
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	144	...	...	4.2	21.2
446	282½	Scot TV	446	+5	...	2.4	28.7
68	40	Southern Radio	50	...	0.7	2.1	20.8
191	125	Stanley Leisure	176	...	...	3.2	14.5
13	4	Smoleigh	3½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	29#	...	...	22.7	3.7
33	3½	TVS	33	...	...	...	2.8
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	22.1
200	134	Thames TV	198	...	7.5	6.3	4.5
118	75	Tottenham Hot	86	...	...	...	4.2
75	38	Trans World	58	+5	...	...	...
10	2	Trifon	3#	...	...	...	...
277	154	Ulster TV	277	...	7.3	3.6	19.2
50	16	Wembley	29	+½	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	12	...	...	16.7	4.0
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	119	+4	12.0	13.4	4.2
136	80	Zetters Gp	84	...	8.0	12.7	8.4

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	1975	-9½	...	11.3	6.8
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1037½	-12½	...	9.8	4.4
2225	1012½	Ang Am	1300	-25	...	5.9	8.1
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	9½	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	38½	+2½	...	18.2	1.9
25	11	Bracken	21	...	...	...	1.1
566	208	Buffels	243	+1	...	17.0	5.7
4½	1½	Burse	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	584	+7	...	3.1	-
38	9	Chiff Res	14	-2½	1.0	9.5	20.9
1662½	581½	De Beers	868½	+7½	...	...	7.1
125	58	Deelkraal	58	...	...	17.7	1.9
46	11	Doornfontein	38	...	...	...	...
750	388	Driefontein	405	+10	...	8.2	6.7
375	120	Durban	120	-2	...	...	...
211	30	E Rand Gold	50	+3	...	22.4	1.4
154	69	E Daggs	71	-1	...	...	...
69	54	E Rand Prop	54	-5	...	...	...
470	120	Elandsrand	165	...	...	3.8	4.2
355	272	FS Cons	305	...	...	11.9	3.0
30	7	FS Dev	9	-1	...	...	...
1491	806	GFSA	838	+39	...	3.4	11.9
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4½	...	...	...	...
222	121	Gencor	139	+4	...	7.1	10.8
47½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	37½	...	...	3.7	9.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
39	44	Grootvlei	50	-1	...	...	2.0
368	80	Harmony	80	-1	...	...	...
281½	59	Hartbes	93	+2	...	...	3.2
30	5	Inco	9	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	514	-6	...	7.5	10.4
8	2½	Kintaline Res	7½	...	...	...	...
795	282	Kinross	337	-5	...	17.0	3.1
624	235	Kloof	325	-1	...	6.1	3.0
60	28½	Leslie	35	...	...	19.4	2.2
71	12	Lonrho	22	...	...	...	...
128	97½	MIM	103½	+1	...	2.2	47.3
864	339	Minorco	800	-13	...	4.2	10.7
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	94	+1	...	5.3	...
1201	598	Orange Free	642	+7	...	22.4	5.0
688	469	RTZ	668	-5	19.5	3.9	21.2
1287½	375	Rand Mines	437½	+12½	...	14.8	1.8
230	75	Rand Min Prp	85	...	...	22.0	3.7
334	136	Randfontein	157	-2	...	12.3	2.1
222	106	Renison	134	...	...	3.6	12.1
1312½	812½	Rustenburg	937½	...	...	3.5	11.0
480	183	St Helena	197	+6	...	22.3	2.7
1287½	475	Southvaal	487½	-9½	...	11.6	8.4
60	17½	Stilfontein	22	+2	...	...	...
183	43	Unisel	58	-1	...	3.8	5.1
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	1862½	+12½	...	12.7	3.0
326	154	Welkom	161	+6	...	23.1	4.3
99½	26½	Western Areas	30	-1	...	...	...
2325	587½	Western Deep	612½	-9½	...	...	2.0
225	164	Wstrn Mining	181	...	2.7	...	...
630	255	Winkels	337	-5	...	3.3	3.5
66	16	Zambia Copper	59	+1	...	...	...
45	19	Zandpan	19	...	...	...	3.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	90	Airflow Stream	105	...	0.1	0.1	15.8
123	56	Applegard	93	-6	10.8	11.6	68.4
220	130	Bletchley Mtr	210	...	8.2	7.3	11.8
145	115	Bostrom	125	...	6.0	6.4	34.0
373	103	Br Aerospace	185	-5	25.0	...	3.9
378	203	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtrs	103	...	...	5.2	13.9
48	15½	Cook (DC)	24	...	...	2.8	...
170	99	Cowie (T)	164	-3	4.8	4.0	12.4
133	75	Dag Motors	98	-1	5.7	7.8	11.6
128	85	Davnprt Vern	115	+1	4.0	4.6	13.5
231	130	ERF	197	...	4.0	...	...
245	163	FR Group	244	+2	6.6	3.7	11.7
2947½	1500	Ford Motor	2812½	-31½	...	2.8	...
2556½	1687½	General Mtr	2159½	-18½	...	2.3	...
96	43	Henlys	90	-1	3.0	4.4	...
735	465	Honda Motor	651	-17	...	0.9	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	+3	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	70	-2	4.5	8.6	...
225	88	Kwik-Fit	122	-9	3.3	3.7	12.1
294	175	Lex Service	281	-3	10.0	4.7	...
128	74	Lookers	108	-6	6.2	7.2	...
153	77	Lucas	138	-5	7.0	6.8	...
258	169	Pendragon	228	-9	6.0	3.4	23.1
175	103	Perry Gp	116	...	9.0	10.3	20.7
130	56	Quicks Group	120	...	3.0	3.3	22.1
176	89	Rolls-Royce	114	-5	7.2	8.5	21.5
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	128	...	4.0	4.2	19.6
131	93	Westland	120	...	4.2	4.4	11.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
106	73	Adscene	103	...	4.0	5.2	15.4
390	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.0	5.3	19.0
378	298	Blenheim Gp	328	...	9.0	2.3	19.8
320	248	Bristol	280	...	11.5	5.1	22.2
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8125↑	-150	13.0	2.1	-
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	8100↑	-175	13.0	2.1	-
295	195	Dorling Kind	285	-9	...	1.4	27.2
355	224½	EMAP	332	-8	...	3.0	21.6
900	533	Euromoney Pb	900	-23	29.5	4.4	-
274	155	Haynes Pub	274	...	6.0	3.4	0.9
258	140	Headline	232	-2	10.0	1.7	25.8
183	105	Home Counts	119	...	8.2	9.2	22.5
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	3½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int. Cm. & Data	6½	...	...	...	...
405	285	Independent	403	...	...	5.0	13.7
425	280	Johnston Press	423	...	5.5	1.7	20.0
350	186	Metal Bulletin	289	...	7.4	4.0	20.1
125	49	Mirror Gp.	99	-2	...	...	9.4
1371	509½	News Corp	1208	+19	...	0.4	-
726	258	News Intl	676	...	3.9	0.8	11.7
459½	297	Pearson	355	-3	...	4.4	16.7
580	340	Portsmth Sund	580	...	8.6	2.0	14.9
655	447	Reed Intl	695	...	16.0	3.4	20.7
110	61	Southnews	110	...	...	1.8	32.4
100	29	Sterling Pubs	100	...	...	3.4	32.8
348	234	Telegraph	345	...	...	3.9	13.6
815	565	Thomson Corp	715	...	25.2	4.7	12.1
347	222	Trinity Intl	344	-1	...	3.3	20.3
61	28	Unit Groups	37	...	...	...	...
537	323	Utd Newspapers	494	-9	21.0	5.7	16.9

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr	8½	+½	...	...	8.9
19½	11½	Aran Energy	17½	-1	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl	43	-3	...	...	...
44	27	Ass Oil & Gas	41½	...	...	...	...
280	20	Aviva Pet	34½	+1½	...	...	...
48	5	Beverley	9½	...	...	0.6	...
6½	1½	Bystad	2½	...	...	...	...
198	108	Br Borneo	134	+2	7.1	6.1	17.0
285	227	British Gas	281	-6	...	6.4	13.0
304	182	Br Petroleum	236	-½	...	5.9	47.2
4½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castl	699	-3	24.0	4.6	10.0
75	21	Cairn Energy	37	...	...	...	...
246	164	Calor Gp	232	-3	12.0	6.9	15.3
10	6½	Capan Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
81	23	Clyde Pet	37	-2	1.2	...	30.2
23	6	Crossmeth Oil	9	...	...	...	...
16½	11½	Edin Oil & Gas	11½	...	...	...	...
461	297	Enterprise	430	-8	15.7	4.9	30.6
103	25	Exp-Co Louis	75	+2	...	...	...
85	14½	Fairhaven Intl	20½	...	...	...	...
84	34	Goal Pet	48	...	...	1.2	8.2
31	3	Gt Western Res	26	...	1.2	3.5	9.1
146	77	Hardy O & G	115	-1	1.0	1.3	36.1
19½	7½	Kelt Energy	19½	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	151	-5	8.5	7.5	19.5
160	75	-do- Units	78	...	15.0	25.6	...
51	11	Mid Sea Res	18½	...	...	...	...
40½	27	Monument	39½	-½	...	...	...
10	5	New London	9½	...	...	...	38.0
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	23	...	0.7	4.3	6.0
57	25	Oil Search	28½	...	...	...	...
16	8	Pelma	13	...	...	...	...
102	57	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	...
31	10	Premier	21½	...	...	...	13.9
198	40	Presidio	73	...	...	8.4	9.6
450	333	Ranger	322	-15	...	1.4	...

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5637½	4162½	Royal Dtch Pt	5187½	-87½	...	5.8	14.3
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4012½	-25	...	2.1	...
59	41	Seafield	46	...	...	...	...
563	435	Shell	535	-10	18.9	5.3	23.5
286	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	197	+1	...	...	...
10	2½	Tyndale	2½	+½	...	...	...
92	30	Yukon Energy	36	...	...	...	8.1
172	131	Woodside	145	+1½	...	2.5	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
250	103	API	250	...	7.5	3.6	-
230	125½	Arjo Wiggins	195	-3	8.3	...	12.6
415	305	Abbott Mead	411	+2	8.4	2.7	20.8
5	½	Assoc Group	1½	+½	...	...	...
128	15	Aegis Gp	18	...	...	...	7.4
180	105	Aspen Comm	180	...	...	3.6	26.7
31	7	BBB Design	7½	...	...	...	...
208	190	Bemrose	208	...	11.7	5.4	19.2
60	33	Birkdale	33	...	0.2	0.8	27.9
120	80	Bunzl	121	-4	4.0	4.4	20.2
207	147	CIA Gp	207	...	...	1.0	17.7
51	36	City Of Lndn	41	-1	...	3.2	10.3
40	1½	Clarke Hooper	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Cropper (James)	171	...	3.0	2.2	19.5
61	6	Crown Comm	8	...	...	...	...
136	70	Delyn Packaging	97	...	1.4	1.6	10.7
149	75	Dolphin Pack	97	...	4.5	4.3	12.9
74½	43	Dudley Jenkins	43	...	...	18.4	40.8
15	9½	Elswick	13½	...	0.3	...	11.0
66	38	Fairway Group	48	...	...	8.8	12.7
286	211	Ferguson Intl	281	-4	12.5	5.9	14.2
43	25	Filofax	81	+7	...	0.0	20.6
75	6	Fitch	20	...	...	...	...
71	43	Gibbon Lyons	71	...	...	0.4	11.9
285	194	Gold Greenlees	285	...	8.3	4.2	20.3
53	32	Goodhead	40	...	0.5	1.7	28.4
80	32½	Hunterprint	39	+7	...	...	...
30	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.6
261	133	More O'Ferrall	239	-4	11.2	8.0	15.8
59	37	NMC Group	57	-1	1.2	...	11.2
117	40	Olives Hidgs	40	...	10.0	...	8.1
86	58	Osborne & Little	69↑	...	4.4	8.4	8.8
180	132	Quarto	167	...	5.2	5.0	9.4
343	234	St Ives Gp	342	...	5.2	2.0	23.1
245	115	Saatchi	172	+2	...	...	...
754	438	Sappi	469	...	...	8.5	8.4
14½	1½	Seril	12½	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	14	...	...	...	11.4
351	233	Smith David	314	+3	9.5	4.0	18.0
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	272↑	+1	...	0.0	8.9
261	171	Sun-Plus	198	...	7.1	4.8	14.3
16½	10½	Taylor Nelson	16½	+½	...	1.2	34.7
65	37	VTR	58	...	...	11.9	10.8
115	31	WPP	91	+1	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	80	+3	8.2	13.9	8.8
221	158	Waddington (J)	219	-2	7.9	4.8	18.5
540	391	Westrough	540	...	10.5	2.5	34.4
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼	...	...	...	...
5	1½	Westport	4½	+½	...	...	17.0
39	12	Walmsley Mills	12	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	57	...	8.2	8.6	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaco Group	1½	...	...	...	...
80	28	Allied Lon	41	...	3.5	11.5	38.4
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda Prop	64	...	2.0	4.2	22.8
141	64	Avonside	99	...	...	7.8	8.0
2450	1887½	BCE	2100	-12½	...	...	...
470	288	Bilton	414	...	18.0	5.8	14.9
45	23	Bourne End	34	...	1.0	3.6	...
162	108	Bradford	160	-1	4.4	3.7	14.5
36	11	Brederu	20	...	...	...	3.0
273	110	Br Land	188↑	-1	8.3	4.3	17.3
188	108	Brixton	167	-1	8.1	6.5	12.7
55	44	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	23.5
125	88	Cap & Regnl	109	...	1.2	...	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	54.6
433	103	Chesterfield	220	...	18.5	...	16.2
40	9	City Site Esy	12	+2	1.4	...	...
43	8	Clarke Nickolls	12	...	0.3	...	2.9
32	8	Clayform	32	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	823	...	25.0	4.1	12.9
4½	½	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	80	...	2.5	5.8	23.9
10	1	De Morgan	4	...	...	...	...
135	78	Dencora	98	...	3.5	9.4	...
540	260	Derwent Hldgs	268	...	8.6	4.3	31.7
250	170	Estates Agency	170↑	...	3.0	2.4	15.6
98	6	Estates Gen	26	...	3.7	...	8.2
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	141	...	4.1	3.9	13.5
31	14	Five Oaks	14	-1	...	...	...
35	12	Fletcher King	30	...	1.0	4.5	21.3
328	188	Frogmore	291	...	13.0	6.9	15.2
125	31	Grainger	99	...	5.2	7.4	...
182	84	Gt Portland	124	+1	10.0	10.8	12.1
114	6½	Greycoat	8½	...	3.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	104	-3	...	4.9	17.3
41	19	Hambro Cntyw	30	...	0.0	0.2	...
388	180	Hammerson	289	-1	10.0	4.6	10.5
283	165	-do- 'A'	261	-1	10.0	5.0	12.7
150	69	Helical Bar	141	...	4.0	3.8	...
38	21	Hemingway	21	+1	...	...	...
175	102	Herring Baker	102	-1	7.0	9.2	...
225	133	Jermyn	140	...	1.3	1.4	...
484	343	Land Sec	433	...	21.7	6.5	11.4
82	61	Lon Merch Sec	75	...	3.4	6.8	11.0
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	1½	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Lon Securities	3	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	330	-3	20.0	8.1	13.8
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	78	McKay Secs	105	...	6.7	8.8	9.8
20	5	Marchield	5½	...	0.5	12.1	...
133	6	McKinlay	12½	...	1.0	10.7	...
5	5	Martin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	9.4	...
1075	590	Mountview	835	...	18.0	2.9	8.5
9	2½	Mowat	2½	...	...	...	...
137	101	Muckiow (AJ)	116	+1	3.9	6.9	15.1
53	33	New Cavendish	46	...	...	...	26.6
10	3½	Oxley Est	6½	...	0.1	3.1	1.0
103	13	Power Corp	13	-3	...	...	1.3
111	54	Prop Security	95	...	3.7	5.3	18.6
122½	14½	Property Trust	31	...	...	...	...
4½	1	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	1½	...	1.3	17.4	2.3
10½	2½	Rosehaugh	2½#	...	...	...	...
175	130	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.3	1.4	27.7
24	12	St Modwen Pr	19½	...	0.5	3.8	11.7
43	31	Savills	41	-1	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	35	...	1.5	5.7	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	39	...	...	...	...
9	2	Shelon	5½	+½	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gidon	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
248	83	Slough Estates	152	+1	8.1	7.2	8.6
78	36	Southend Prop	56↑	...	4.1	10.8	28.1
20½	2½	Speyhawk	4	+1	...	...	...
30	9	Stanhope Prop	17½	+½	...	...	...
83	58	Town Centre	79	...	3.1	5.2	15.4
61	35	Trafford Park	43	...	2.5	8.0	11.6
31	7	UK Land	14	...	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	182	...	10.0	7.3	17.7
245	195	Warnford	197	...	7.2	5.0	13.5
8	1	Waterglade	8	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	38	+1½	3.7	13.1	9.6
44	17	Wood John De	43	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	93	+1	2.4	3.4	36.8
428	265	Lambert	378	+13	12.5	4.4	9.8
111	60	Pittard Garnar	82	+2	1.5	2.4	10.9
41	18	Strong & Fisher	35	...	1.0	3.3	7.8
193	88	Stylo	113	...	2.5	2.9	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	382	Allied Text	417	-2	12.3	3.9	14.9
73	47	Beckman (A)	60	...	4.7	10.8	11.8
52	23	Bolton Gp	26	...	...	...	13.2
182	138	Br Mohair	143	+1	8.5	7.9	11.3
95	30	Celestion	99	+2	1.2	1.7	...
41	15	Chartwell	30	...	0.4	2.7	...
537	186½	Claremont Gs	326	-31	...	1.6	22.4
370	364	Courtauld Text	357	-10	13.0	3.1	16.4
241	160	Dawson	231	-7	9.0	5.2	22.5
59	17	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	2.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Fasche	68↑	...	...	9.6	6.7
68	24	Foster (John)	28	...	0.5	2.6	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
162	90	Hicking Pntcst	180	-1	3.4	2.8	13.6
73	38	Jerome (S)	48	...	1.0	...	...
380	215	Lamont	289	...	...	3.8	13.2
535	308	Leeds	531	-2	11.0	2.8	17.1
41	15	Lister	28	-4	0.1	0.5	...
120	81	Lyles (S)	120	...	4.9	5.4	13.6
85	53	Parkland 'A'	75↑	...	2.0	3.6	...
87	62	Readicut	80½	-½	3.4	5.3	13.2
77	30	SEET	36	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	75	+2	5.1	9.2	13.0
51	29	Stirling Gp	51	...	1.6	4.3	31.2
59	31	Stoddard	50	-1	2.6	7.0	13.3
202	198	Tomkinsons	202	...	11.5	5.1	-
9½	3	West Trust	3½	...	0.3	9.5	...
270	180	Yorklyde	270	...	9.7	4.8	12.6

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	968	-12	32.6	4.6	25.6
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	620	+5	10.2	2.2	14.2

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	380	-5	8.0	3.0	17.1
816	531	BAA	744	-2	14.5	2.8	13.1
315	239	Br Airways	274	-4	10.1	3.4	7.3
182	42	Clarkson (H)	80	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	344	-14	...	...	...
58	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	3.5	...	12.3
140	70	Greig	138↑	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	Jebi Steam	147	...	...	2.1	...
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	1.3	8.4	17.9
42	22	Lon O'Seas Frts	43	...	1.2	3.8	2.6
1512½	1237½	Maersk Sh	1300	...	4.5	0.5	3.3
288	180	Mersey Docks	288	+3	6.0	2.8	18.5
280	216	NFC	280	-7	6.6	3.2	20.4
357	170	Ocean Group	253	-4	14.3	7.4	11.4
53	31	Ocean Wilson	43	...	...	4.8	8.6
595	296½	P & O Dfd	525	-12	30.5	7.3	18.5
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	131	+1	...	5.6	...
490	267	Powell Duffryn	476	-11	22.6	6.3	10.0
120	98	Seacon	120	...	...	4.7	8.5
39	23½	TIP Europe	25½	...	...	7.8	8.2
87	34	TNT	31½	...	...	...	...
634	495½	Tibbet & Britn	684	...	...	3.3	35.3
478	214	Tiphook	352↑	-13	17.3	6.6	7.0
307	208	TDG	280	...	9.3	4.3	16.8

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	470↑	-6	19.5	5.6	8.7
391	336	Northumbrian	384	-5	20.5	4.7	6.0
533	323	North West	476	-3	19.0	5.5	8.4
470	296	Severn Trent	457½	-1½	19.2	5.6	8.6
485	301	Sthrn Water	465↑	-5	18.5	5.6	8.2
1300	620	Sth Staffs	1200	...	...	...	...
524	308	South West	481	-3	21.7	6.0	7.4
518	334	Thames Water	493	-3	19.2	5.2	9.3
546	337	Welsh Water	525	-8	21.4	5.6	6.1
600	366	Wessex Water	586↑	-8	19.5	4.4	8.2
547	326	Yorkshire W	528	-8	19.5	4.9	8.6

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A profession disunited

Competition for work is bringing out all the old rivalries, reports Edward Fennell



Law firms throughout Britain are about to be tipped into an acid bath. This year will test to the limit their viability as commercial enterprises. Both strong and weak firms are certain to face continuing redundancies, fewer partnership prospects and smaller profits. But while the prize for those who survive the rigours of 1993 should be a structure that makes them better placed to take advantage of an economic upturn, the penalties for those that fail will be severe.

Tim Razzall, recently named European Lawyer of the Year, and the chief executive of Frere Cholmeley, predicts that European work for big City firms with strong overseas interests will be increasingly important. Although much of the euphoria about the completion of the single market has faded, Mr Razzall sees such work as critical to his firm's future.

"Our continental offices now contribute 25 per cent of our commercial turnover. Our Berlin office will be the base for increasing work in Eastern Europe and our Paris office is booming. Without that overseas network, this firm could be in difficulties."

But for law firms that rely entirely on the UK for their work, conditions will continue to be cut-throat. Competition on fees throughout 1992 was intense, and the top regional law firms consistently beat better known London firms. As one leading London lawyer put it, the period April to July, 1992, was "terrible all round" as good-quality commercial law firms in the regions scooped up work because of their lower fees.

Yet in the traditionally prosperous South-East, conditions are tight. The three-partner Southampton firm of Blatch & Co has seen the bottom drop out of private residential conveyancing and is feeling the impact sharply. Only a strong economic upturn will allow it to escape.

Martin Meadows, a partner, is disenchanted; he says he is "not optimistic about 1993" and is apprehensive about proposed curbs to legal aid eligibility. Ironically, it is the Lord Chancellor's proposals on franchising that may decide the firm's future. Although the rates for criminal legal aid work are considered "uneconomic", the firm is beginning to establish a reputation for the quality of its work in that field. Being awarded a franchise could put the firm on a secure long-term footing. If not, merger will have to be considered.

Similarly Mark Adcock of Adcocks, a two-partner firm in West Bromwich, says he has survived only by getting into new areas of activity. As a mixed high-street practice, he has seen his mainstream commercial work, particularly commercial property, disappear almost completely. And he considers criminal legal aid work a disaster.

"Criminal work is a waste of time," he says. "It is so poorly paid we simply cannot afford to do it." Only matrimonial work is now available in profusion, but that is likely to be dented during 1993 by changes in family law and the curbs on eligibility for legal aid.


Tim Razzall: network

One of the few small commercial growth areas for Adcocks has been employment work, as more local businesses carry out redundancy exercises. The employment field appears another good specialism for City firms. Fraser Younson, the head of Baker & McKenzie's employment department, says there was constant growth last year and the firm is recruiting young employment lawyers. The dismissal of senior executives and redundancies among rank-and-file workers has brought work to the department. "The setting-up of the new Employment Lawyers' Association is a sign of buoyancy in the market," he says.

The single market is also likely to be a rich source of new work for employment specialists. Mr Younson says: "An American-based multinational company recently asked us to do a Europe-wide survey on sexual harassment at work. We got back to him within 24 hours with details from all member states. But without a European office network you cannot respond that fast."

Multinationals in general will probably want to bring into line their employment conditions throughout the community while new European directives such as that on working hours may create an employment lawyers' playground.

So life for firms at the international end of the City remains attractive. But even there, splits are emerging in the workforce.

The young newly qualified lawyers face the greatest likelihood of redundancy. Likewise, lawyers who are five to six years post-qualification and looking for partnership may be under pressure to leave in the next four months because openings will be rare.

By contrast, lawyers with two to four years' experience are in demand. Andrew Rich, a three-year-qualified intellectual property lawyer has moved from one of the top London firms to Hammond Suddards, a leading Yorkshire firm. He is surprised by the calibre of work he is doing.

Likewise, Helen Garthaite, a three-year-qualified construction lawyer with Nabarro Nathanson confirms the mood of confidence among people her age. "None of my contemporaries anywhere has been made redundant," she says, adding that she is busy working for clients on plans to be implemented after the recession. "I think prospects for people at my stage in their career are very promising."

What of law students? There is the evergreen optimism of youth combined with stinging criticism of the status quo. Nicola Shaw, at Pembroke College, Oxford, aims to qualify as a barrister and regards the costs and difficulties of training as a challenge, but not insurmountable. What concerns her more immediately is the way she sees the law and lawyers falling into disrepute. She also increasingly resents persistent prejudice against women in the law.

Male against female, London against the regions, legal aid against private practice — the law has become a deeply disunited profession. This year the divisions will widen even further, and the result could be the final break-up of the community of interest that the profession has sought to sustain.

Heard the one about the witty judge?

In Mona Bauwens's recent libel action, George Carman, QC, when making his final submission to the jury on behalf of the defendants, used some broad humour that may have caused some of the jury to smile. As reported, it did not appeal to Lord Shawcross who, in a letter to *The Times*, administered a magisterial rebuke.

The incident shows the hazards of attempting humour in court. Once I appeared before Lord Goddard for an appellant who had an arguable point of law in his favour but little else. To neutralise an inevitable judicial comment, I timorously opened my case by saying: "Lord Melbourne's description of the Order of the Garter applies to this appeal; there is no damned nonsense of merit about it."

To my relief, he laughed and said: "I remember Lord Russell of Killowen saying that this court is always grateful for the introduction of a little humour."

Maybe. But by whom, how much and when?

A judge whose wit was sometimes cruel was Sir Gerald Dobson, a Recorder of London. In one case the errant son of a wealthy family pleaded guilty to several charges of burglary. An eminent psychiatrist testified that the young man was suffering from schizophrenia.

Sir Gerald sentenced him as follows: "The eminent physician who has been called on your behalf has told me that you are two persons, one well educated, cultured and kindly, the other a common burglar. You are indeed a most unfortunate young man because both of you will have to go to prison for 18 calendar months."

Sometimes a remark made by an onlooker can reveal how the public regard the legal process. A few years ago the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction of a young man for fraudulently selling bogus bottles of Chanel No. 5. His father, who was in court, could not follow the judgment, which was concerned solely with legal issues and was not based on the merits of the case since there were none.

Outside the court, he spoke to his son's counsel ... "Does this mean that Charlie walks out of the lot?" "Yes." "Including the suspended sentence he has done at the Old Bailey?" "Yes." "Ain't justice ———— wonderful."

Forensic humour may also reveal how ridiculous a case is. In the 1940s and early 1950s, the Metropolitan Police regularly used to send out patrols to keep observation on the public urinals in the West End to arrest men thought to be importuning for immoral purposes. There were two officers in each patrol, one elderly, the other young, and good looking. The younger was known as the bait.

The elderly officer was often a man named Christmas. He gave evidence in a case defended by John Maude, KC, whose memorable first question in cross-examination was: "Tell me, Police Constable Christmas, are you happy in your work?"

One talent that is valuable for advocates is the ability to deflate pompous or pretentious witnesses. Edward Carson was once examining a smug businessman. He asked him whether he had not been under the influence of drink on the occasion at issue. The witness indignantly said: "That is my business, sir." "Maybe," said Mr Carson, "but have you any other?"

Danny Brabin, QC, was one of the best advocates in dealing with such witnesses. Had he been briefed for the prosecution in the *Lady Chatterley's Lover* case, the verdict might have been different. His cross-examination of the expert witnesses for the defence, who said the explicit sexual descriptions in the book had literary merit, would have been even better remembered than Mervyn Griffith Jones's comments about what was unfit for wives and servants to read.


BRIEF
SIR FREDERICK LAWTON

Judges who make silly statements give lawyers, and probably members of the public, too, much cause for laughter. One example, I recall, arose in a civil case in which I was counsel for the defendants. The plaintiff, a young married woman, was claiming damages for traumatic neurosis, which she said had been caused by an accident involving her and her husband.

She had been slightly injured, but her husband had been rendered a paraplegic. My clients accepted she was suffering from a neurosis but claimed that it was not the direct result of the accident but had been caused by her appreciation that at the age of 24 she was married to a man who was impotent and always would be.

The judge, Mr Justice Hilbery, was a good judge, but given to making snobbish comments. At the close of evidence, he called me and my opponent into his room. He told us that he hoped the case could be settled because whatever he said in giving judgment was likely to embarrass and upset the plaintiff.

He hinted that the damages might be substantial and went on to say: "I will have to remind myself that sexual intercourse means more to the working classes than it does to you and me."

● *The author is a retired lord justice of appeal.*

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LEGAL RECRUITMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES

Clark wins top post

THE speculation is over. The top job at the world's second biggest law firm, Clifford Chance in London, will go to Keith Clark, a partner. Mr Clark, aged 48, is a popular figure in the international financial markets.

He will be take up the post of senior partner on May 1, when Nigel Fox-Bassett, the present incumbent, steps down. Geoffrey Howe, the firm's managing partner, has also been confirmed for a second three-year term.

No room at Inn?

THE homeless sleeping rough in Lincoln's Inn Fields in central London are almost as familiar a feature as the elegant offices of solicitors' firms and barristers' chambers.

But perhaps not for long. Since December, 16ft-high fencing has been in place around a section of the park, erected by Camden council, which fears prosecution by the Lincoln's Inn Fields Association.

The association, which includes representatives of local barristers and solicitors, objects to the use of the park by homeless persons.

The council intends to clear the fields by March, although it may face opposition tactics from pressure groups for the homeless and from lawyers representing the people affected by the move.

IN AND OUTS

Toy ploy

A UTAH district court has found a novel way of encouraging lawyers to turn up on time. Judge Lynn Davis ordered any lawyer late without a legitimate excuse to donate a toy to a named charity within 72 hours. After a period during which ten teddy bears were donated, lawyers using the court have improved their timekeeping.



Acting safely

THE government is intending to enact a new law to protect "whistleblowers" — workers who speak out about workplace risks to the public or staff.

Two bills have been tabled in Parliament. The NHS Freedom of Information Bill and the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Bill would protect from dismissal safety representatives who take steps to protect employees from "serious and imminent danger".

The union-sponsored NHS bill comes after "Freedom of Speech for NHS Staff", the draft guidance code published last October.

The code has been criticised for failing to ban so-called gagging clauses in NHS staff contracts and for not spelling out that there can be a public interest exception to the common law duty of confidence with respect to an employer.

Charity cut?

REUNITE, the charity that gives legal advice and counselling to parents of abducted children, is threatened with the loss of a £23,000 Home Office grant — 70 per cent of its income.

Although Reunite's work puts it in contact with several government departments, including the Foreign Office, whose diplomats are trained by the charity in the law relating to child abduction, none seems willing to finance its work.

Honoured

THE legal profession was not over-endowed with mentions in the New Year's Honours List. But Tim Razzall (*see main article*), the solicitor-chief executive of Frere Cholmeley, became a CBE for "political and public service". Mr Razzall, the deputy leader of Richmond-upon-Thames council since 1983, and is treasurer of the Liberal Democrat party.

Another solicitor in local government, John Chatfield of Eastbourne, the former Conservative chairman of the Association of County Councils, has received a knighthood.

Tom Legg, the permanent secretary at the Lord Chancellor's department, becomes a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, while another official, Peter Thomas, courts administrator at Kingston, won an OBE.

Other honours included a CBE for Edward Wills, official solicitor to the church commissioners.

Quicker cases?

IT'S a brave new world in the courts. From January 1, citizens are meant to be getting a new deal from the legal system: under the Courts Charter, telephones must be answered within a set time limit of 30 seconds. Above all, "courteous and prompt service" will be required of court staff, who will wear name badges.

Cases are to be heard more swiftly, and there will be time limits for keeping defendants on remand or in custody. Each county court will have to set and display its own standards for waiting times for cases. Scrivenor will be keen to hear of examples of any breaches of the charter.

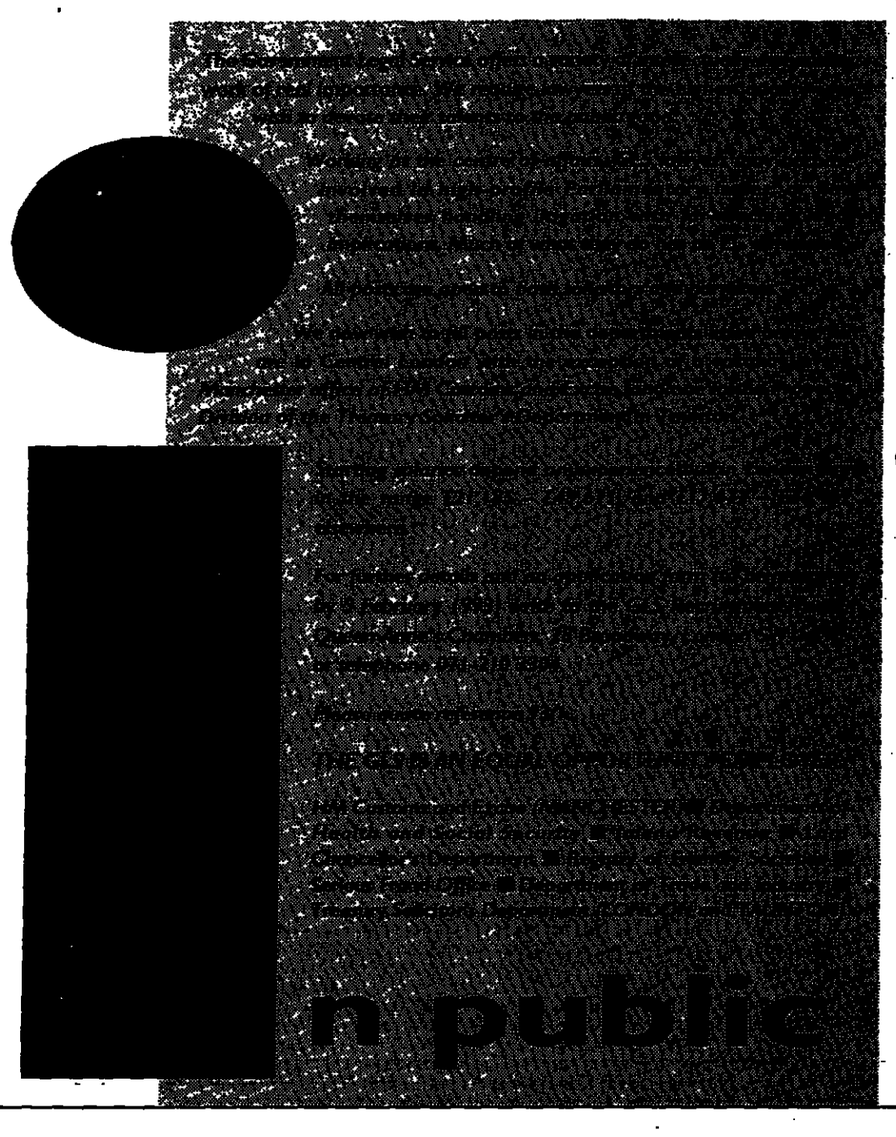
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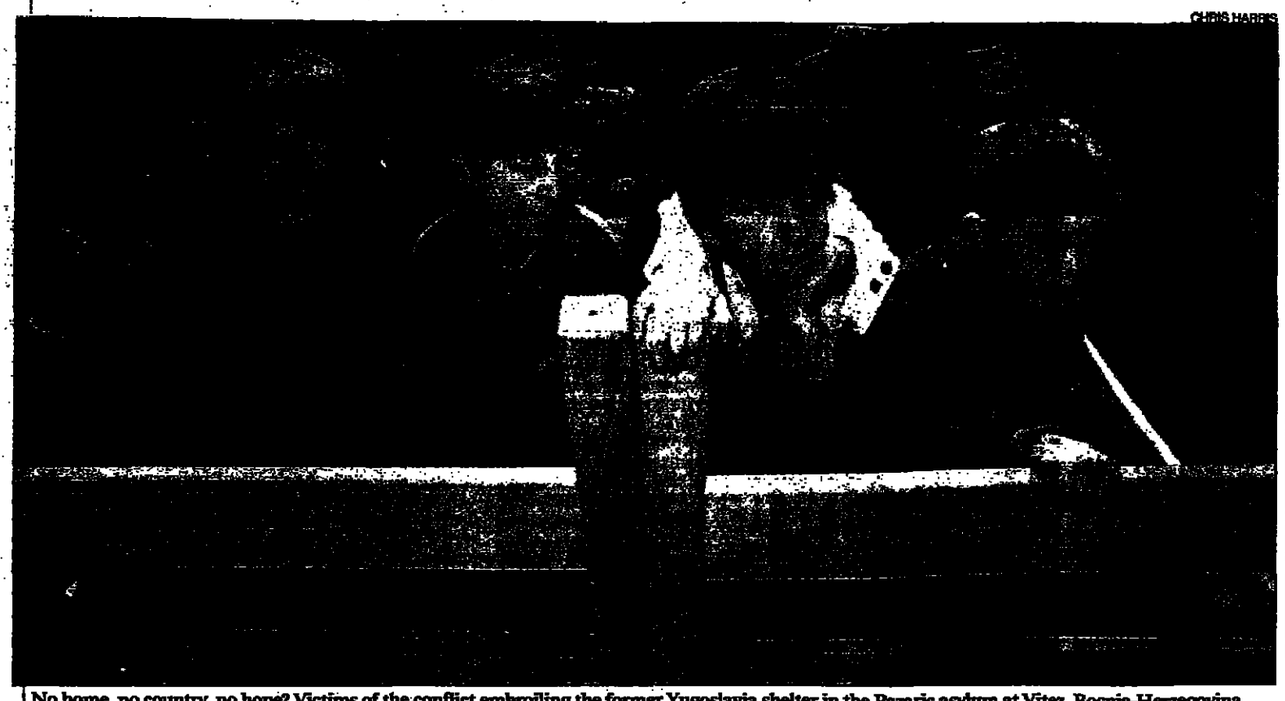
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No home, no country, no hope? Victims of the conflict embroiling the former Yugoslavia shelter in the Pazaric asylum at Vitez, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Don't fence them out

Britain is failing to meet its international obligations and protect child refugees seeking asylum here, says Allan Levy, QC

The disintegration of Yugoslavia has again focused attention on the plight of refugees. Children fleeing from many troubled parts of the world, unaccompanied by their parents, relations or anyone directly responsible for them, deserve particular sympathy.

Our immigration law — in particular the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill due for its third reading in the Commons soon — reveals a curious lack of legal consideration for these minors. By comparison, other European countries have gone further in meeting international and humanitarian obligations towards them.

The UK's responsibilities towards refugees stem from the 1951 UN Convention and the 1967 protocol relating to the status of refugees. Asylum seekers who have a "well-founded fear of persecution" on certain grounds, including political or religious belief or ethnic origin, qualify for refugee status. The determination procedure, however, is long and complex.

In addition, article 22 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989, ratified by the UK last year, says the government must take appropriate measures to ensure that refugee children receive protection and humanitarian assistance in enjoying their rights under this convention. Article 3 states that in all actions concerning children, their best interests must be a primary consideration, article 12 provides for the child to be able to express views and to be represented at any proceedings and article 20 obliges the government to protect children without families.

The number of unaccompanied refugee children, persons under the age of 18, coming to the UK is uncertain. In late 1990, about 200 Eritrean children arrived. The same year another 100 children entered from Somalia, Angola, Ethiopia, Uganda and Sri Lanka. In 1991, the figure was about 120 and in 1992 about 150. Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities must provide accommodation and care services for those under 16. During 1990 and 1991 Hillingdon, covering Heathrow airport, provided services to 78 children from nine countries.

> 'There is no one to help or give advice'

At present, Hillingdon is looking after 35 children. Kensington and Chelsea council is accommodating 50, who have come from Eritrea and Ethiopia in the last two years. Many children also live in the community.

Children have no special status under immigration law. Applications by child asylum seekers are processed and treated in the same way as those of adults. No special provisions apply for the determination of their cases.

Guidelines suggested by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees are not applied in the UK. There is therefore great concern that a refugee child's welfare, human rights and needs are not being adequately safeguarded. In particular, children identified at a port of entry as asylum seekers have nobody to advise them or help with crucial interviews and applications. Immigration officers receive no training for dealing with unaccompanied child refugees and there are no special interview procedures. This compares unfavourably with other European countries.

A recent survey, "Children or Refugees?", by Wendy Ayotte and Judy Lown (the Children's Legal Centre), points, for example, to Austria, where refugee counsellors are appointed, to Denmark, where a child has a representative from the Red Cross, and to Norway and The Netherlands, where a guardian is appointed.

A proposed amendment to the Asylum Bill that would establish an advocacy system has so far failed. This would provide from the outset both a child's representative for the immigration process and a link with the statutory services. The absence of this essential individual is unacceptable. It is also inexplicable when one considers the policies underlying the recent Children Act. The same emphasis on the welfare of the child and on the importance of the child's views should be central to the asylum determination process.

Similarly, the recognition in the act that delay is likely to prejudice the child's welfare should persuade the Home Office to give priority to children's asylum applications.

The welfare principle should permeate the Asylum Bill's appeal procedures and militate against the suggestion that children be fingerprinted. Urgent reforms are needed in the immigration area if we are to fulfil our international obligations towards children and be consistent with the act.

● *The author is a specialist in child law.*

Kindness beats the bullies behind bars

As a specialist magistrate in what was the juvenile and is now the youth court, I — and most of my colleagues — try hard to avoid sending adolescents to a young offenders' institution. Although we can and should do so, to protect the public from serious harm, it is only when other resources are unavailable that we are forced to take this course.

Just over a year ago a 15-year-old committed suicide at Feltham Young Offender Institution. Shortly before that incident, an 18-year-old killed himself after being abused by fellow prisoners. Earlier last year, two boys of 19 and 20 committed suicide at Feltham — four in seven months. The public outcry was understandable.

> An experiment is helping change a prison where four inmates killed themselves

What had gone so wrong at a prison where a new governor, Joe Whitty, had been sent in to turn around a demoralised institution? For the first time in his career, he felt helpless, puzzled as to where they could go from such tragic situations. If we must lock people up, surely it can be done as humanely as possible or, at least, in such a way as to prevent such tragedies? It is a truism that good can come from evil yet that now seems to be happening at Feltham.



Mr Whitty has instituted what he calls his form of a unilateral declaration of independence to improve the conditions at Feltham. It has had several effects. The first reverses completely the normal practice in prisons of removing the vulnerable individuals. Instead, the thugs are removed and placed in a special unit for a minimum of three weeks.

Six youngsters are in the unit now but there will never be more than ten in order to maintain greater involvement between the boys and prison officers who do the counselling. The scheme has been running for only five months but one officer says there are already signs of improvement. One lad who had been through the system had later stopped a fight in another unit.

Another unit, named after a sexually abused boy, was opened this summer by his mother. And as the plaque commemorating the boy says, "it is intended to protect the vulnerable by controlling and addressing the behaviour of those who create such tragedies".

A more controversial approach has been to install 16 surveillance cameras in the reception and living areas and in the showers and lavatories where most of the bullying and abuse occurs. There have been objections to what amounts to an invasion of privacy but, as another officer put it, "We would rather invade privacy than have to pick up bloodied bodies."

Mr Whitty's greatest hope lies with the involvement in the prison of families. It was Mr Whitty who persuaded the young sex victim's mother — whose lack of bitterness is extraordinary — to open the unit named after her son. And he has encouraged her to give talks about the vital necessity for close communication between families and the prison system.

"It was the prison officers who created this sociological experiment and have developed the family involvement," Mr Whitty says. "We have set up family visits in one particular unit and have had special family evenings, including barbecues and musical evenings last summer. The reaction has been so good that we are extending the experiment to another unit.

"For years we have neglected involving families in the prison system. Yet they can do it nothing but good. Prisons should be positive places rather than necessary institutions of evil and despair."

The fourth change of direction here has been the setting-up of a Friends of Feltham organisation. "We must involve the local community," Mr Whitty says. "We need funds for the things the prison department does not fund. A constitution has been drawn up and we have two lads and a family on the committee."

A horticultural project has started and two officers are working on a discharge unit plan, under which community work will be undertaken outside the prison on a more imaginative scale than previously. A local resident has already offered to set up a course for the boys to learn about helping disabled people.

"Come back and see us in six months," one of the officers told me. "Meanwhile, couldn't you persuade your readers to help these youngsters? We need a three-piece suite, books and television sets. Above all, we'd love a dinner service and the cutlery to go with it. We'd like to show these lads how to sit down to a civilised family meal together. Most have no idea what that is."

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Nor the years condemn?

A new commission is unlikely to be better at appointing judges than the Lord Chancellor, according to **Sir Frederick Lawton**

When an organisation such as Justice, the law reform group, as well as the *Solicitors Journal* both suggest that the present system for selecting judges should be scrapped, their proposals merit consideration.

The Times, too, suggested change in a leading article on November 24. Judges, it argued, should be appointed at a younger age. But all those recommending change — and those deciding if there should be change — should remember the engineering precept: if it works, don't fix it.

Supreme Court judges are appointed by the Queen by letters patent under the Great Seal, High Court judges on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor, lord justices on that of the prime minister. Law lords, who are not judges but peers who are qualified to be members of the judicial committee of the House of Lords, are nominated by the prime minister. There are no rules governing how Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and the prime minister should make a choice.

Most High Court judges have long been appointed between the ages of 50 and 60, a few under 50, and circuit judges at a slightly younger age. This may have been because of habit on the part of Lord Chancellors, but it may be that experience has shown that these are the best ages.

Before 1945, the practising Bar was small, so the number of barristers eligible to be considered for appointment to the Supreme Court bench cannot have been more than about 30. The Lord Chancellor probably knew most of them. Now that the Bar is more than four times the size, he can no longer have much, if any, personal knowledge.

The problem will become more acute now that solicitors have become eligible for judicial appointments. The Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, the president of the Family Division and the Vice-Chancellor will be unable to advise the Lord Chancellor about appointments as they have in the recent past.

Lord Hailsham appreciated this. After 1979, he instructed his department to make enquiries about those considered for appointment.

The present system has produced judges nearly all of whom are competent, and has largely avoided inflicting upon the public eccentrics and the unpleasant. Could a judicial commission, as suggested by Justice, do better?

One of the most persistent criticisms of the system used to be that it allows the Lord Chancellor to pack the bench with judges of his own political complexion. At the turn of the century, Lord Halsbury did just this.

He seems to have considered that service to the Tory party was qualification for appointment to the High Court bench. He is said to have appointed no less than 17 Tory MPs or Tory candidates.

But since 1945, only three former MPs have been appointed to the Supreme Court bench, the last, Mr Justice Howard, in 1961. All had had extensive forensic and part-time judicial experience. One, Terence Donovan, became a law lord. The bogey of a politically-packed bench seems to have disappeared. More pervasive now is the concern that the present system results in a bench of judges which is predominantly middle class, public school and Oxbridge-educated. There are few women on it and only a tiny number from the ethnic minorities.

> Remember the precept: if it works, don't fix it

There are historical reasons for the present make up. In the past, starting at the Bar for anyone without family money was difficult. It may be getting easier, but there are still many hurdles for the impecunious to surmount. It will be a long time before recruiting judges from the working class will be as easy as from the middle class. This is a fact with which a judicial commission would have to cope.

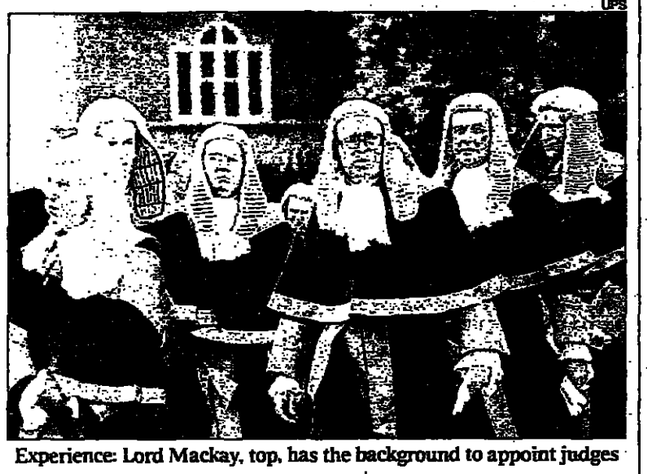
It is a myth that present day judges do not know how the rest of the population lives and thinks. They spend their working lives listening to evidence about the way other people live and what motivates them to act as they do. The High Court judges travel all over England and Wales trying cases.

The constitutional objection to the present system is that it is an affront to modern concepts of open government. There are no published required qualifications for appointment nor, equally important, does anyone know what disqualifies. The critics think that these objectionable aspects of the present system could be dealt with by putting all appointments under the control of a judicial commission.

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Experience: Lord Mackay, top, has the background to appoint judges

The suggestion that judges should be appointed at a younger age and retire earlier overlooks the factor of experience in the judicial equipment. Having a sound knowledge of the law is, of course, important and can be acquired at an early age; but what may be perhaps more important is knowing how the law works in practice. This knowledge only comes with years.

A judicial commission would have to find answers to many problems. What would be its membership? It is likely that some public figure would be appointed as chairman. If all judicial appointments, down to circuit and district judges, came within the commission's remit, it would be difficult to find anyone who could spare the time. As for the panel itself, political convention would probably require two MPs to be members, one from each side of the House of Commons.

Then there would have to be at least one woman, and representatives of the ethnic minorities, the trade unions and the business and industrial worlds. Why should any of them be more able than the Lord Chancellor to identify who was likely to make a good judge?

These proposals may make some people feel that this aspect of the administration of justice would be more open to public scrutiny. Whether they would result in better judges being appointed may not have been proved.

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Is everybody truly equal when they come before a court?

Even a judge has his rights

The sad case of New York's top judge, Sol Wachtler, puts "justice on trial", Alan M. Dershowitz, the Harvard law professor, recently suggested.

Judge Wachtler resigned his powerful position as Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals after a federal complaint alleged that he had threatened to kidnap the daughter of his former mistress and to extort $20,000.

Mr Dershowitz argues that some yet-to-be-named federal judge in New Jersey, where the complaint was filed, may be tempted to give Judge Wachtler "special justice" as a kind of professional courtesy.

Mr Dershowitz concludes that Judge Wachtler should be sentenced under federal sentencing guidelines to 57 to 72 months in prison, with no chance for parole, as though this would prove the larger point that only a draconian sentence will satisfy the public that nobody is above the law.

Mr Dershowitz, who has won a reputation as one of America's more flamboyant lawyers, is not well-placed to offer a neutral viewpoint. In the past he has attacked the independence of certain federal judges who have dared to rule against his positions in highly publicised cases such as that of Leona Helmsley, the hotel magnate. And he shows some relish that Judge Wachtler, who ran for the appeals court on a "lock-'em-up-and-throw-away-the-key" platform, must now face his own comeuppance.

Judge Wachtler is certainly entitled to no greater consideration at the bar of justice because of the high judicial office he once held. But he is entitled to no lesser consideration, either.

There are many unanswered questions in the Wachtler case which should cause the public to suspend judgment. The mistress, Joy Silverman, a wealthy Republican fundraiser, is no average citizen. Confronted with a supposed threat to her family, she exploited her acquaintance with William Sessions, the FBI director, to get 80 agents instantly assigned to the case.

It is said that more than a month before Judge Wachtler's arrest, the FBI learnt of his long-term affair with Ms Silverman, which she ended so that she could take up with another man. The FBI agents must have known at some point that Wachtler's was an act of passion by a personality in disarray. Yet, they pursued the criminal investigation.

Did the FBI advise Ms Silverman early on that it was Judge Wachtler who had threatened to kidnap her child? It would have been unpardonably unprofessional had they not done so.

And why did not Ms Silverman, realising that the only one in serious danger of being harmed was Judge Wachtler, then and there use her clout with Mr Sessions to call off the investigation and get her former lover some medical help? Instead, Ms Silverman continued to play out a bizarre scenario which inevitably led to the judge's downfall.



Dershowitz: flamboyant

A jail sentence seems insignificant punishment next to the destruction of a productive career.

All this raises a serious issue, not so much of whether Judge Wachtler was insane or incapacitated, but whether he had the criminal intent necessary for the crime of extortion. For does any fair-minded person believe that Judge Wachtler seriously intended to harm Ms Silverman's daughter or that he seriously intended to relieve her of $20,000? It is precisely because his conduct is so uncharacteristic and irrational that there may be a bona fide question as to whether he acted with *mens rea*, or criminal intent.

If Judge Wachtler put such matters in issue, under our system, it all must be resolved at a trial, and he will have a presumption of innocence. Mr Dershowitz hinges his argument on the premise, "the facts prove Judge Wachtler is guilty of extortion . . . " "*Tut is* what Franklin D. Roovelt called the "awfully iffy question".

What is unacceptable about Mr Dershowitz's position is that he assumes that the judiciary is inherently corrupt in that it will inevitably give special consideration to a fallen colleague. There is no evidence to support this view, and Mr Dershowitz, as a careful lawyer, should not want to jump to conclusions without adequate evidence.

Every criminal case imposes special responsibilities on judges, but there is no need to think Judge Wachtler and the public cannot both get fair trial in an American court.

It is offensive to rub the noses of the federal judiciary in the "harsh mandatory sentences" presented by federal sentencing guidelines imply because this is the case of a former judge. If "harsh mandatory sentences" are unfair, the case of a judge to be sentenced for extortion is hardly needed to illustrate this. Mr Dershowitz's very illustration runs counter to his plea that "Judge Wachtler would not get special treatment".

Further, it is offensive to presuppose a sentencing before a trial or a plea, and to presuppose an unfair sentencing where the crime alleged is covered by rigidly universally applied sentencing guidelines.

I agree with Mr Dershowitz that there should be change in federal sentencing procedures. Harsh sentencing laws that prohibit judges from tempering justice with mercy are inappropriate in all cases. But where the Wachtler case does Mr Dershowitz see evidence of "special justice for the judge"?

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Director ought to have known

Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd (in Liquidation) v Maxwell

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment December 21]

The duty of a company director in relation to the transfer of an investment which that company held as trustee was analogous to that of an individual trustee.

Accordingly, in the absence of express authority from the board, a director would be in breach of his fiduciary duty to the company if he signed a transfer of stock which it held in trust without both (a) understanding why, and (b) satisfying himself that the transfer was in the company's interests.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division on a summons by Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd for judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, in ordering (i) the defendant, Ian Robert Charles Maxwell, to indemnify Bishopsgate against all loss suffered by reason of his signatures of five transfer forms, whereby shares held by it had been sold to Robert Maxwell Group Ltd: (ii) an enquiry into the amount of that loss: (iii) an interim payment to Bishopsgate of £500,000 by the defendant prior to January 18, 1993, pursuant to Order 29, rule 10.

Mr Philip Heslop QC and Mr John Brisby for the plaintiff: Mr Van Vechten Veeder, QC and Mr Paul Girolami for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that Bishopsgate's objects included "to act . . . as trustee for any trust, pension or scheme, retirement benefit plan or otherwise" and "to hold in trust as trustee . . . and deal with manage and turn to account any real and personal property . . . and in particular shares, stocks . . . and investments . . .".

On March 31, 1988 the trustees of three existing pension schemes had executed a deed, to which Bishopsgate was party, for commingling certain of those schemes' assets in a common investment fund, to manage which Bishopsgate was appointed. In 1988 and 1989 other pension schemes also became participators. While the defendant was a director of Bishopsgate, certain transactions had taken place, causing losses to Bishopsgate, of which it complained in a writ issued against him in May 1992.

The present summons sought, *inter alia*, summary judgment in relation to five stock transfer forms, signed by the defendant and his brother in favour of Robert Maxwell Group, of shares valued at £579,750 for which Robert Maxwell Group had never paid.

It was common ground that the defendant's knowledge of Bishopsgate's affairs was limited: he knew that it managed pension fund moneys, but did not know if it had also managed other assets: or that it was involved in stock lending: or on what trusts the funds were held; or the investment objectives of the participating pension schemes or of the common investment fund: nor did he ever take the trouble to ascertain in what Bishopsgate had invested.

Accordingly, his Lordship was unable to conceive that, following a trial, any other conclusion would be possible than that the defendant took no positive step to see that the board of Bishopsgate had dealt as it should with trust assets.

However, his Lordship was satisfied, in relation to claims based on the defendant's failure to act, that there was an issue to be tried as to whether, but for such failure, the loss would not have occurred; so it was inappropriate, at that stage, to decide whether such failure amounted to a breach of fiduciary duty.

But since, without his signature, the five blocks of shares would not have been transferred, the causal link necessary to found an action for such a breach was clear; so that the only issue was whether, in signing without knowing, or making any enquiry so as to ascertain whether the board had authorised those transfers or why the stock was to be transferred, the defendant acted in breach of his fiduciary duty to Bishopsgate.

A proper starting point was to examine the position of a director under the articles in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Table A to F) Regulations (SI 1985 No 805), which applied to Bishopsgate. Regulation 70 provided that a company's business should be managed by the directors who by regulation 72 could delegate their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors; or to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they considered desirable.

No relevant delegating resolution was to be found in any minutes of any board meeting of Bishopsgate.

By regulation 101, the seal of the company should only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of them and by section 1(1) of and Schedule 1 to the Stock Transfer Act 1963 a stock transfer form required execution by a body corporate under its corporate seal.

The forms here in question recorded that Bishopsgate's common seal was affixed thereto in the presence of the two directors who signed them. It was immaterial that in fact no seal had been affixed since by section 36A of the Companies Act 1985, introduced, with effect from July 31, 1990, by section 130(2) of the Companies Act 1989, a document signed by, inter alia, two directors of a company and expressed to have been executed by it had the same effect as if executed under its common seal.

In those circumstances the defendant, in signing those forms, was exercising a fiduciary power, conferred by Bishopsgate's articles, to alienate its property by an instrument which took effect as if executed by Bishopsgate.

His Lordship had no doubt that in exercising that power the defendant was required to satisfy himself that the transfers were authorised by the board of directors or, at the least, could properly be ratified by the board.

In the absence of board authority, he was required to consider and understand why the stock was being transferred to Robert Maxwell Group and to satisfy himself that the transfers were in the interests of Bishopsgate.

It was no answer for him to say, as he did, that he signed in reliance on the signature of his brother, from whom, it was clear, he had neither sought nor obtained any explanation, nor assurance that the transfers had been approved by the board.

It would make nonsense of the requirement of a second signature in regulation 101 of Table A and section 36A of the 1985 Act if a second signatory could simply rely on the signature of the first: the obvious purpose of the legislation was to require both to address their minds to the propriety of the document.

Accordingly, there was no issue to be tried in relation to the defendant's signature of the five forms and he had to be held in breach of fiduciary duty to Bishopsgate, causing Bishopsgate damage, for having done so.

There would be an order for an enquiry as to the damage suffered by Bishopsgate by reason of such breach; and the defendant had to make an interim payment to Bishopsgate, pursuant to Order 29 rule 10, prior to January 18, 1993, of £500,000.

Leave to appeal was refused.

Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood; Kingsley Napley.

Concept of pool in discrimination

Jones v University of Manchester

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Evans and Sir David Croom-Johnson

[Judgment December 21]

An industrial tribunal erred in interpreting the provisions of section 1(1)(b)(i) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 by holding that a job advertisement for "graduates aged 27-35" discriminated against women who had been mature students and had obtained their degrees at age 25 or more.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Miss Mary Jones from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on June 20, 1991, reversing a decision of an industrial tribunal on February 23, 1989, that the University of Manchester had indirectly discriminated against her.

Section 1 of the 1975 Act provides: "(1) A person discriminates against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if: . . . (b) he applies to her a requirement or condition which applies . . . equally to a man but (i) which is such that the proportion of women who can comply with it is considerably smaller than the proportion of men who can comply with it . . ."

Section 5 provides: "(3) A comparison of the cases of persons of different sex . . . under section 1(1) . . . must be such that the relevant circumstances in the one case are the same, or not materially different in the other."

Miss Vivienne Gay for Miss Jones; Mr Jeremy McMullen for the university.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the complaint of Miss Jones was that when she had applied at the age of 46 for the job of careers adviser at the university she had been turned down because of her age. Miss Jones had graduated at the age of 41.

The word "pool", although not found in the Sex Discrimination Act, had long been used to refer to the total number of men and women available for the relevant purpose when considering under section 1(1)(b)(i) the proportion of men and the proportion of women who could comply with a requirement.

The industrial tribunal had said: "We accepted Miss Jones's contention that the requisite 'pool' for these purposes was graduates who had obtained their degree as mature students, i.e. at age 25 or more and that the proportion of women graduates in that category who could comply with the respondent's requirement or condition was considerably smaller than the proportion of male graduates in that category who could comply with it."

The majority in the appeal tribunal had said that the industrial tribunal had, in effect, redrafted the advertisement so that the relevant pool would read ". . . a graduate preferably aged 27-35 who undertook their degree as a mature student with a record of successful experience. . . ".

That was an impermissible approach. The advertisement was directed to all graduates aged between 27 and 35 possessing the relevant experience and the only permissible pool was graduates aged 27 to 35 years.

Section 5(3) demanded comparison of like with like but that did not authorise an applicant to sub-divided her sex. There would be many who could demonstrate disadvantage if they could elect their own parameters. There was thus an error of principle in the approach of the industrial tribunal which entitled the appeal tribunal to reverse that conclusion.

His Lordship said that he had found the case difficult but would hold that the appeal of Miss Jones failed. The court had been told that section 1(1) had never been considered before by the Court of Appeal with reference to the concept of the pool.

In his Lordship's judgment, the relevant total was the number of men and women referred to in the subsection; that is, those men and women to whom the employer applied or would apply the requirement. In this case that meant all men and women graduates with the relevant experience.

The section referred not to the number of men and women who could comply with the requirement but to the proportion of men and women. That showed that those men and women who could comply with the requirement were to be considered as a proportion of another number and that that number had to be the relevant total of men and women to whom the requirement would be applied.

The case for Miss Jones had been directed to proving not that the proportion of women graduates who could comply with the age requirement was considerably smaller than the proportion of men who could comply with it, as required by the section, but to proving that the proportion of women mature graduates who could comply with the age requirement was considerably smaller than that of men mature graduates who could.

That part of the decision of the industrial tribunal could not stand and had been rightly set aside by the appeal tribunal. The error which the industrial tribunal had been invited to make is to consider a question differe from that which the section requid it to answer.

It was not suggested that, in order to be able properly to answer the question under section 1), the industrial tribunal had to proceed by any particular process of reasoning or had to proceed by reference to specified statistical evidence.

The industrial tribunal must, in a particular case, be able properly to conclude for the purposes of the section that, for exampl the proportion of women who could comply with an age requirement was considerably smaller than the proportion of men who could comply with it, if that fact was first established with reference to a section only of the popula of the men and women to whm the requirement was applied at, if it was then demonstrated that the relationship of the men and women in that section was such that it could safely be accepted as typical of the whole of the relevant population.

Lord Justice Evans and Sir David Croom-Johnson delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mace & Jones, Manchester; Addleshaw Sons & Latham, Manchester.

'Series' nine years apart

Regina v Baird

Before Lord Justice Nolan, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Ward

[Judgment December 22]

The question whether two sets of alleged offences could be described as a "series" for the purposes of rule 9 of the Indictment Rules (SI 1971 No 1253) so that they could be properly joined in the same indictment should not be approached by consideration of the dictionary definition of the word "series".

The correct approach was to discover whether the alleged offences were linked by a sufficiently close nexus to bring them within the rule, and if there was such a nexus even offences separated by a period of nine years could be said to form a "series of offences of the same or a similar character" within the terms of rule 9.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Paul Baird against his conviction on July 1, 1992 in Leeds Crown Court (Judge Rucker and a jury) of two counts of indecent assault on boy A and one count of indecent assault on boy B.

He was sentenced to a total of 15 months' imprisonment which, on appeal, was reduced to eight months.

Mr Bryan Cox, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr James Goss for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeal was based principally upon the fact that the offences upon A were alleged to have occurred some nine years before the alleged offence upon B.

A coincidence in point of time, like a coincidence in point of location, might be an important factor in determining whether particular offences could be regarded as being or forming part of a series, but every case depended upon its own facts.

The authorities plainly showed that the correct approach was to discover whether the alleged offences were linked by a sufficiently close nexus: see *R v Kray* ([1970] 1 QB 125); *R v Ludlow* ([1971] AC 29); *R v Marsh* ([1985] 83 Cr App R 165).

In the light of those authorities the answer to the question whether the counts in the present case were properly joined as a "series" largely depended, in the circumstances of the case, upon whether or not the evidence in relation to one set of alleged offences was admissible in relation to the other, and vice versa.

After considering *DPP v P* ([1991] 2 AC 447) and *R v Kilbourne* ([1973] AC 729) and counsels' submissions, their Lordships concluded that the judge was entitled to hold that the various counts could properly be joined in one indictment under rule 9, that he was justified in refusing to exercise his discretion under section 5(3) of the Indictment Act 1915 to sever the counts, and that he was similarly justified in concluding that the evidence relating to the complaint of B was capable of corroborating the complaint of A, and vice versa.

The similarities between the two sets of offences were truly remarkable.

In each case the appellant built upon a casual encounter with a young boy in the street to cultivate a friendship and to gain the confidence of the boy's parents.

There was no coincidence in time, or for that matter in place, but the prosecution case could well be described as one of history repeating itself in the methods by which and the motives with which the appellant built up a degree of familiarity with the boys which resulted in the alleged offences.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, York.

Caution in granting stay of execution

Simonite v Sheffield City Council

Holmes v Same

T. G. Thompson Ltd v Same

Simmonite v Same

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment November 16]

The dictum of Lord Justice Staughton in Linotype-Hell Finance Ltd v Baker (The Times November 7, 1992) that "if a defendant could say that (i) without a stay of execution he would be ruined and (ii) that he had an appeal which had some prospect of success, that was a legitimate ground for granting a stay pending the appeal" should be treated with reserve.

Mr Justice Harman so indicated in the Chancery Division in holding that only on terms which required the applicants, (a) Ben Simonite (b) Shirley Holmes (c) T. G. Thompson Ltd and (d) Colin Simmonite, to pay to the respondents within 14 days towards arrears of rent which had accrued due from each of them since March 25, 1986 (a) £12,500 (b) £6,000 (c) £18,000 and (d) £15,000 and also to pay in future quarterly increases of rent of (a) £500 (b) £200 (c) £2,000 and (d) £600, respectively, would he grant their several applications, by notices of motion issued on October 8, 1992, for orders restraining the respondent council, until the hearing of their several appeals against decisions of his Lordship dated January 29, 1992, from seeking or attempting to recover from any of them, in any manner whatsoever, the interim rents fixed in those decisions under section 24A of the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1954*.

Mr Keith Rowley for the applicants; Mr Martin Rodger for the council.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that the applicants were four stallholders in the council's markets who, after every stallholder's tenancy had under section 25 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 been determined on March 24, 1986, had volunteered as sample, but not test, cases out of some 380 applications for new tenancies.

The applicants' appeals against his Lordship's decisions on their cases were fixed for hearing by the Court of Appeal in October 1993. If that court were to order a rehearing, the vista of further appeals might stretch past the millenium.

In the meantime the applicants were paying rents at pre-1986 figures, although the evidence of their own expert witness had supported rents substantially above them.

Mr Rowley now sought a stay against any action the council might take to enforce payment of the interim rents his Lordship had fixed under section 25A of the Act, relying on the above-cited dictum of Lord Justice Staughton and his clients' impecuniosity.

With regard to the former, it was rare for a competently drawn notice of appeal not to offer some prospect of success.

And the spectre of imminent ruin had found no place in either *Barker v Lavery* ([1884] 14 QBD 769) or *Atkins v Great Western Railway Co Ltd* ([1886] 2 TLR 400), both decisions of two strong Courts of Appeal.

In the former, Lord Selborne, Lord Chancellor, in refusing a stay of execution for costs pending an appeal, had supported the practice of that court by stating:

"Evidence ought to have been adduced to shew, that the plaintiff would be unable to repay the costs if he should be unsuccessful before the House of Lords."

In the latter case, Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, had stated that "as a general rule, the only ground for such a stay was an affidavit showing that if the damages and costs were paid there was no reasonable probability of getting them back even if the appeal succeeded" and "that there were strong grounds for an appellant's case was no reason [for granting a stay], for no one ought to appeal without strong grounds for doing so."

It seemed to his Lordship that the substantial arrears which had built up were due entirely to the stallholders' decisions not to put any money aside against the possible outcome of their appeals.

His Lordship could see no reason, save on terms that substantial sums were paid off the rents within 14 days, for now denying the council the right to force payment of the interim rents which the stallholders had been ordered to pay.

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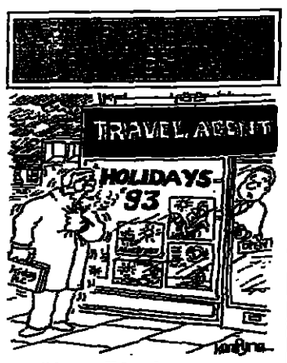
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By Roger Pearson

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Apart from television and newspaper commissions, she has a thriving trade in the sale of originals. Judges, barristers and parties to cases are among those who regularly buy the original work at between £160 and £270 each. Her first foray into courtroom art came when she was an art student in America in 1977. One of her tutors had been asked to suggest someone who could do courtroom sketching. She later worked for American television. In 1987, she moved to Britain and realised courtroom art was not as popular as it was in America.

So she went to the Central Criminal Court, sat in on a case and afterwards, when a television reporter had finished his report, asked him what the position was over use of sketches on television. She was told that English law, unlike American, banned sketching in court. Artists have to take notes, memorise the scene and then do their illustrations elsewhere.

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Attention to detail: Priscilla Coleman shows her skills

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When actions speak louder than words

Previewing the London International Mime Festival, Andy Lavender sees signs that even British performers are casting off their physical inhibitions

Name one British mime artist. The challenge is prompted by the impending London International Mime Festival, now in its 15th year. If silence is the only answer, this is in part because Britain's mime tradition has never compared with those of other European countries. For some, this gives no cause for regret. The influential French teacher of physical theatre, Philippe Gaulier, has set up his school in London. Contrary to expectations, he declares that he cannot stand mime. "It's completely dead. I am really bored when I see a mime show with a poor Pierrot who wants to go on the moon. It's sad when you see people who want to do such an old form of theatre."

Gaulier's very presence in this country, however, indicates the increased possibilities for the physical theatre performer. The mime festival itself has flourished not least because its directors allow the term "mime" to cover just about anything where actions speak louder than words. This year it encompasses the *commedia dell'arte* of Venice's Tag Teatro, the bizarre museum tour offered by France's Lackaal Duckric, and the exuberant political theatre of Spanish company Els Joglars.

What contribution can Britain make to such a festival? The answer involves looking abroad, for virtually every British performer in the burgeoning world of physical theatre has trained in, or taken up, the traditions of other countries. A case in point is David Glass, part-clown, part-mime, part-manager (of the modestly-titled David Glass Ensemble), who premieres a new solo show, *Pierrot in Love*, at this year's festival. His story is familiar: in order to train in physical theatre Glass had to go into exile, in his case studying with dance guru Martha Graham and mime specialist Etienne Decroux, then working with the renowned French actor-director Jean-Louis Barrault and English director Peter Brook in Paris.

With *Pierrot in Love*, Glass has opted to develop a clown whose heritage is Continental and somewhat macabre. "Pierrot," he explains, "is very much rooted in the traditions of the outsider, a clown who is like a half-dead child. Pierrot is sinister and dangerous, and the audience should both love and despise him. In the old days Pierrot used to stop performing sometimes and spit at the audience."

One imagines that Glass will let this particular custom lie, but other traditions have been decisive. *Pierrot in Love*, he reports, has its roots in a familiar scenario where Pierrot, having been left by Lulu, responds in a fantastical way by playing with objects which fall in love with each other. "There's a very nasty David Lynch-like twist at the end," he promises.

Pierrot comes from *commedia dell'arte*, via various permutations in pantomime and popular theatre — performance traditions which the English have tended to look down upon, as vulgar and simplistic. It is a common lament that British cultural values rely too narrowly on the literary. "A physical tradition is not easily recordable in words, so it is not seen to be important," says Glass. "It's very sad, because the English have provided some of the best clowns. We've had Will Kemp from Shakespeare's company, Grimaldi, Charlie Chaplin and Max Wall, who should have been knighted for being such a great clown."

> 'Even the stiff upper lip is part of a culture. English theatre has forgotten how to be big'

According to Marcello Magni, the madly perplexed Italian in Théâtre de Complicité's shows, there is a national aspect to consider. "English society has developed a very subtle, minimalist way of expressing emotional feelings," he suggests. "Even the stiff upper lip is part of a culture. It's a more controlled way of expressing emotions. English theatre has forgotten how to be big."

Théâtre de Complicité, Britain's leading physical theatre company, is rediscovering the secret and its own Simon McBurney, full of goofy, expressive energy, is one of the best British actor-clowns of his generation. The cement which initially bound Complicité, and a host of other companies and performers, was provided by Jacques Lecoq, whose school in Paris has long been the Mecca of aspiring physical-theatre performers.

Lecoq's body-centred approach, and the vernacular styles of circus, clowning and even dance, are beginning to reach the mainstream, as Complicité itself has proved with two shows appearing at the National Theatre recently. Directors such as Mike Alfreds at Cambridge Theatre and Stephen Daldry, director-designate of the Royal Court, have worked enthusiastically with physical companies. And we come full circle with some of these companies who, rather than indulging in gratuitous visual displays, bring physical skills to bear on the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding of British theatre, plot and character.

One of Britain's leading mime outfits, Moving Picture Mime Show, exemplifies the trend, albeit in exaggerated form. "We do a cartoon-style, cinematic mime," explains founder-member Toby Sedgwick. The company is presenting a double-bill at the Queen Elizabeth Hall at this year's festival, which includes *Creatures from the Swamp*, performed in B-movie style. "We do a car chase on stage," Sedgwick says. "The clichéd horror movie takes place at the end in a fairground on a big dipper."

As there are only three performers, this requires some imaginative licence. "Our style allows us to change characters very quickly," Sedgwick explains. "Or we can use minimalism, where you just have fingers being a whole horde of people running away, while the face would be playing what's on people's minds. It is very like where you cut using the camera, or focus in on something."

Consider, as well, Talking Pictures, which explores contemporary issues through comic, movement-based stories; Faulty Optic, which offers a kind of mechanical puppetry; the mask-work of Trestle Theatre Company; and the performance-art inspired Insomniac Productions — all of which have garnered acclaim — and it becomes apparent that this is a rich field of work.

Gathering it together and calling it mime is perhaps disingenuous, but so is looking for a common British thread in a palpably international grouping of styles. Even so, as the years go by, if asked to name a British mime artist or two, we are less likely to be lost for words.

● *The London International Mime Festival (071-637 5661) runs from January 18 to February 3*



Moving Picture Mime Show: "We do a cartoon-style, cinematic mime," explains founder-member Toby Sedgwick

CLASSICAL MUSIC: **Stephen Pettitt** looks forward to this weekend's Janáček festival

Sound and vision on the Czech list

In previous years the BBC's annual winter weekend festival at the Barbican has celebrated Stockhausen, Henze, Berio and other living composers. But last year they turned to one who was dead, Alban Berg, and that trend is continued this year with a celebration of the music and life of Leos Janáček, who until Sir Charles Mackerras began his heroic advocacy was lamentably neglected outside his central European homeland.

Following the outlines of its predecessors, the winter weekend (programmed by Clive Bennett, editor of opera at Radio 3) will include foyer music, an exhibition, a discussion panel, a film (*The Lion with the White Mane*), and recitals (by the pianist Radoslav Kvapil and, re-creating the Wigmore Hall concert in 1926 which the composer himself introduced, by the Lindsay Quartet, London Winds *et al*).

Andrew Davis, who conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in three concerts over the weekend, has special reasons for paying homage. "Obviously Janáček's a composer I like very much; besides the Welsh National's *From the House of the Dead* I've conducted both *Jenufa* and *Katya Kabanova* at Glyndebourne. But the piece that first put me on the map was the *Glagolitic Mass*, which I did at short notice with the BBC SO in 1970. My big break, if you like."

Davis talks easily and enthusiastically about Janáček's art, though he tantalisingly avoids too much reference to the works in the festival. "I've always found Janáček unbelievably fresh. In a piece like *The Cunning Little Vixen*, which I think is probably his greatest work, we have this wonderful sense of a music written by someone who really understood man's place in the universe.

"The really special thing about the *Vixen* is that it's the most wonderful nature music anyone ever wrote. Not just pretty pastoral scenes, but all the passion of the animal world. He tells us that the animals got it right and it's the humans who are screwed up. It's the same visionary sense that you get in the Sinfonietta and the *Glagolitic Mass*. Then there's that wonderful sense of human suffering. Pieces such as *Katya* or *Jenufa* are overwhelming, unbearable in their understanding of human frailties.



Janáček in 1904: "music written by someone who really understood man's place in the universe"

"The other thing about Janáček is that the subjects he chose for his operas were so eclectic on the surface. Yet there's often a thread which usually concerns suffering through circumstances that aren't controlled by oneself."

The House of the Dead, Janáček's final, Dostoevsky-based opera, and another undeniably great work, forms the centrepiece of the weekend. But in the opening and closing concerts the BBC SO participates in half of the programme. "I think that's an interesting idea," says Davis. "The first programme starts with *The Diary of One Who Disappeared*, which is such a great piece, and then we're doing the *Jealousy Overture*, which was the original overture for *Jenufa*, and the *Danube Symphony*. And the last concert starts off with some choral pieces with the BBC Singers before we do the Violin Concerto and the Sinfonietta."

Those last two works are at least vaguely known about. What, though, is this *Danube Symphony*? "It's an interesting late piece which Janáček left in sketch form. It was completed by someone else after his death. In these circumstances one tries to do pieces like that, especially as Janáček didn't actually write that many purely orchestral works."

Is that the real reason why the festival mixes different media? "I think that was Nick Kenyon's [controller of Radio 3] idea, but I quite like it. We did something similar in the Queen Elizabeth Hall in October. Roberto Gerhard's Third Symphony was the closing piece, but there was also piano music by Albéniz and some renaissance stuff. That sort of thing can be quite fruitful." But also more expensive. "It's rather a wasteful use of a symphony orchestra, I suppose, except that as a contract orchestra the BBC SO's not quite so expensive as some of the other orchestras would be."

Talk of thematic and contextual programming takes us to the subject of the BBC SO's future. Davis is clear about its security, but he has plans to expand its role. "One of the things that Nick Kenyon and I believe in is that if there are projects other people are undertaking and there's something we can contribute, then we'll do it. We're already talking about various things, certainly on the South Bank. They'll be doing a Byronic festival at some point and we're going to take part in that. I think we'll also be making a contribution to Simon Rattle's Towards the Millennium festival."

That, with as much touring as the players can reasonably undertake with such a heavy commitment at home, and a new emphasis on commercial recording, is evidence that Davis and Kenyon are keen to widen the orbit of the BBC SO, which tends to enjoy real prominence only in the Proms season. "I've been trying to get away from the 30 per cent house syndrome, because it's not good for the orchestra, not good for morale."

● *The Janáček weekend at the Barbican (071-638 8891) starts on Friday*

Donmar future secured

ARTS BRIEFING

CARLTON Television, the new London weekday franchise holder, may not be impressing many highbrow critics with its programming. But it should win new friends with its decision to sponsor the Donmar Warehouse, the Covent Garden theatre recently reopened under the direction of the young director Sam Mendes. Carlton will not disclose the extent of its three-year sponsorship, but it is understood that the figure will cover over half of the Donmar's budget.

The deal covers the season of home-produced plays, the late-night comedy and cabaret performances, and the appointment of a trainee director who will be given a year-long bursary to work first with Mendes and then at Carlton. The Donmar's next major event will be the British premiere of *Playland* by Athol Fugard, South Africa's leading playwright, which opens on February 25.

● ON THE very day of Rudolf Nureyev's death last week, world rights for a new English biography were secured by publishers Hodder and Stoughton. Nureyev wrote an autobiography, published by Hodder, at the age of 24, shortly after his defection to the West in 1961. The projected biography is by Peter Watson, who has spent the past six months studying the dancer's career and background, making trips to Russia to talk to Nureyev's early friends and colleagues.

"I have been in discussion with Hodder for some time and it was one of those strange coincidences that the actual negotiations were completed last week," says Watson. The publishers are hoping that the biography, expected in 1994, will be the first to appear since John Percival's *Nureyev: Aspects of the Dancer* was published in 1979. However, Watson will have to hurry if he wants to be first: Percival, *The Times* dance critic, says he is already negotiating to revise his book to take into account the dancer's final years.

Olympic claims

CLAD in white marble from Thasos in Greece, a gift from the Greek government, the new Olympic Museum in Lausanne is scheduled to open on June 23. The museum, 12 years in the planning, has been designed by the Mexican architect Pedro Ramirez Vazquez and the Swiss architect Jean-Pierre Cahen. It will house 200,000 photographs, collections of Olympic coins and stamps, Olympic-commissioned art (from ancient Greek vases to Rodin), 7,000 hours of film and video, and such evocative items as Carl Lewis's running shoes and Jean-Claude Killy's crash-helmet. Outside the museum, overlooking Lake Geneva, an Olympic flame will burn perpetually.

● THE British Library's comprehensive catalogue of printed music, over a million entries in all, has been transferred on to computer disc, and is being launched commercially today by the BL and the publishers Bowker-Saur. The new system, on CD-ROM discs, should change the tortuous business of music research for ever, but at a price: £3,500 will buy you instant access to the title of every song ever written with a lyric by Hildegard of Bingen, or whatever piece of obscure musical information is needed.

Bolshoi reunion

AMONG the crowd attending Sunday night's royal gala at the Albert Hall given by the Bolshoi Ballet were two of the company's old boys, now settled in this country, Stanislav Tchassov and Irek Mukhamedov. Tchassov is currently dancing in *Carousel* at the National Theatre, while Mukhamedov is now a leading light of the Royal Ballet. The latter diplomatically kept a low profile, remaining in his box throughout the interval and thereby dodging any awkward questions about the company's standards since he left. Perhaps his thoughts were on his own career: tonight at Covent Garden he dances in Kenneth MacMillan's *The Judas Tree*.

Last chance . . .

AFTER an extraordinary run of eight years at the Adelphi (071-836 7611), *Me and My Girl* finally closes on Saturday before setting off on a national tour. Noel Gay's effervescent 1930s score perfectly suits the story of a Cockney who inherits a coronet, and fills the ancestral home with his old pals.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

ROYAL BALLET: A new mixed bill programme brings Balanchine back to Covent Garden with *Apollo*, the choreographer's first collaboration with Stravinsky in 1928, and *Symphony in C*, a dazzling work set to Bizet. Also on the same bill is *The Judas Tree*, MacMillan's last work for the Royal Ballet which quickly became one of his most controversial, thanks to its depiction of gang rape and urban violence.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, Sat, 7.30pm.

BLACK LIGHT THEATRE OF PRAGUE: The company under artistic director Jiri Srnec returns to Sadler's Wells after an absence of 19 years with an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice*. Their technique uses ultraviolet light to give any white or light coloured fabric an unearthly glow. Surreal characters and inanimate objects fly around the stage defying the laws of gravity.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mats today-Thurs, Sat, 2pm, Sun, 4pm.

THE BALLAD OF THE LIMEHOUSE RAT: Prizewinning verse chiller, written and performed by Tim Newton: a mysterious rat-catcher pursues an evil giant rodent through the dark places of Victorian London.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Terence Rattigan's play is revived with a promising cast. Penelope Wilton plays Hester, the woman who rediscovers herself when she leaves her judge husband for young ex-RAF pilot Freddie Page; Linus Roache — who recently excelled as Don Juan in the RSC's *The Last Days of Don Juan* — plays Freddie. Film director Karel Reisz returns to the Almeida following his success with *The Gigli Concert*.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

HEART: The male and female troupes of the Black Mime Theatre Ensemble have combined to explore the nature and origins of tense relationships between the sexes.
Young Vic Studio, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: The spring season starts with Juliet Cadzow in the title role of **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**. Sixteen schoolgirls fill up the numbers of Miss Brodie's *crème de la crème*.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3.15pm.

LEATHERHEAD: Pills with dangerous side effects and a Dane trouble Richard Todd in Francis Durbridge's new thriller, **Sweet Revenge**.
Thorndike, Church Street (0372 377677). Preview tonight, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow, 7.30pm; then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

LIVERPOOL: A travelling exhibition originating in Rotterdam, **Expressions of Belief** receives its only British showing in Liverpool. It brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. Everything in the show has its function, but this can be obscure to outsiders, and the first requirement the show makes is aesthetic response, after which the visitor is invited to explore more deeply into the cultural context.
Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-5pm, until April 18.

YORK: Manic revellers **Pop Will Eat Itself** are back with more of their unlikely mix of rap, rave and grunge. They play at London's Town and Country Club at the weekend.
Barbican Centre, Barbican Road, York (0904 656688), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BARNUM:** Agreeable Christmas treat, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Final week of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **FROM A JACK TO A KING:** Witty pastiche of *Macbeth*, set in the world of rock bands, packed with Sixties songs.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

☐ **GRACE:** Anna Massey and James Laurenson in nicely acted but superficial play about televangelists in Yorkshire.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Extended to January 23.

■ **HAMLET:** Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's excellent production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm. 270mins.

☐ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

■ **MADNESS IN VALENCIA:** Enjoyably stylish Spanish discovery: lovers mad for love sheltering in a madhouse. Good show.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 125mins. Final week.

☐ **ME AND MY GIRL:** Final performances of the cheerful, tuneful "Lambeth Walk" musical.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (071-836 7611). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **MISERY:** Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in American *grand guignol*; good characterisation for Stephen King addicts.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA:** David Haig plays the dashing Rudolph Rassendyll in the best of all romantic adventures, staged with exuberance, laughs and really exciting sword fights.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS':** Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged):** Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... ☐ **Dancing at Lughnasa:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for lost dancing partner. Intoxicating music, good atmosphere, and a plot gently going nowhere. Director, Maria Novaro.
ICA (071-930 3647).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson and the writer of *Five Easy Pieces*, Carole Eastman.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

RAISING CAIN (15): Split personality John Lithgow kidnaps kids, terrorises Lolita Davidovich, and bores the audience. Ludicrous hokum from director Brian De Palma.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636). **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

CURRENT

◆ **THE BODYGUARD** (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kasdan script. Director, Mick Jackson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683).

◆ **DEATH BECOMES HER** (PG): Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis; director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

◆ **OF MICE AND MEN** (PG): Steinbeck's classic Depression tale of friendship and innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lennie, director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PETER'S FRIENDS** (15): College pals meet up after a decade. Kenneth Branagh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999).

◆ **STRICTLY BALLROOM** (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

ONE MAN'S OPINION: **Joseph Williams** stands up to be counted against conceptual art

I know what I do not like

What will art historians 200 years from now make of us? In 1992, an ordinary ladder with some bricks fetched £132,000 at auction, a kitchen sink made £67,400, and some squiggles went for £1.4 million. The ladder was the brainchild of Marcel Broodthaers; the sink — certainly a drain on the artist's imagination — was the offering of Robert Gober (who also depicts genitalia, the sort of phallus a 14-year-old schoolboy accomplishes when Sir's back is turned) and the doodles were courtesy of Cy Twombly.

Have we, like Banquo, eaten on the insane root that takes the reason prisoner? What happened to that crucial word, talent? If creating a work of art requires no great skill, how can it be art at all? Skill is not a sufficient condition for great art, but what is left without it? Could anybody other than their creators have written *Oliver Twist*, or composed the "Moonlight" Sonata? Are we not awestruck before Michelangelo's *Pietà* because one man's hands could tear out a sculpture of unspeakable beauty from rough stone?

That infuriating feeling — "I could have done that" — which we endure at so many contemporary art exhibitions exposes the works' worthlessness. None of the sublime achievements of the greatest artists, writers and composers gives rise to the thought that any fool could have done it. On the contrary, we tremble before Bernini's *The Vision of St Theresa* because of the intensity of exultation captured on the saint's face, and in the swirling folds of her garments.

Where lies the artist's skill in stretching some string across a Cork Street gallery, or is it in trying to persuade collectors to part with £7,000 for it, as dealers did in 1990? Marcel Duchamp, who experimented as early as 1913 with bicycle wheels on stools, claimed that an object is art because the artist says so. Now the shibboleth is as stale as Damien Hirst's shark-in-formaldehyde. We have no criteria to judge conceptual art, to distinguish between the good and the bad.

Conceptualism and Minimalism have driven the art world into a corner. After the blank canvas, there is nothing left for artists to do. The ideas of Duchamp, Yves Klein and Arman — genuine and laudable attempts, in their day, to challenge our preconceptions — are repeated in one form or another, ad nauseam, by contemporary artists from Richard Serra to Ian Davenport.

The dynamo that impelled the early Russian artist Malevich and the Dutchman Mondrian to seek eternal abstract beauty has become today just a licence for mediocrity: for artful dodgers to doodle, splatter and dribble the paint anyhow, or contemptuously to toss any ready-made household object before us, as sculpture.

"Nothing will come of nothing." Yet we are afraid to scarify work that in our hearts we know is graceless and inept. The "Fresh Art" exhibition at the Business Design Centre in Islington last summer featured jars of putrescent matter, bags encrusted with jellies, baths strung up from poles and assorted blobs of slime and garbage, all masquerading as "sculpture".

Last May, performance artists lined up 18 Morris Minors in the City of London, attached streamers to an office block, and played an Andy Williams hit — all to the tune of £20,000, which the Arts Council had tossed away for two works from the artists.

And the deterioration of standards is far from recent. Joseph Beuys is lionised by some as a great master. Why? In his bizarre 1965 performance work, *How to Explain Pictures to a Dead Hare*, Beuys — his face covered in gold leaf — sat in a room, cradling a hare and murmuring to it for three hours. Is not the entire concept so idiotic and pretentious that we can apply to it any spurious interpretation and elevate it to a status it utterly lacks?

This is not splitting hairs. Barnett Newman's 1969 painting *Who's Afraid of Red, Yellow and Blue III* is simply a red canvas, with a blue strip at one end, yellow at the other. If you turn it upside-down, is it any worse, any better? Paint a black circle in the middle for good measure: is the work ruined? Why? It might even look intriguing, that sinister dark patch in the centre. But just try playing around with a Rembrandt, a Monet, a Francis Bacon. Conceptualism robs us of the very ability to criticise it because it admits of any meanings, the parameters being whatever we wish. The works can become symbolic of anything.



Nothing is new in conceptual art: Carl Andre's famous brick sculpture caused a fuss when it went on show at London's Tate Gallery in 1976

So, year after year at the Tate, scene of Carl Andre's infamous sculpture of 120 bricks in 1976, at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, and at commercial galleries, absurdly simplistic works are promoted as brilliant. Exhibition catalogues abound with platitudes such as "the installation resists any single definition", and "you have to understand the artist to appreciate his work", which bamboozle the public and hide the artist's pusillanimity. If the achievements of Dürer and Picasso speak for themselves, why should contemporary artists need excuses?

We celebrate ugliness, and mistake transience for timelessness. Toshikatsu Endo sets fire to wooden blocks as part of his creation, claiming the experience "liberates" him. Andres Serrano douses a plastic crucifix in his own urine. Christo covers entire buildings in wrapping, as if ashamed of the expertise that created the architecture. Richard Long chucks pebbles into a river, and someone comes along and styles it art.

Is absolutely anything art? Where do we draw the line? How many artists can still draw a line? Draughtsmanship, craftsmanship — the words even sound archaic. We have become more gullible than those who thought the Earth was flat. We grace the kitsch of Jeff Koons by calling it controversial and disturbing, instead of gimmicky and puerile. His works are disturbing, but for the wrong reasons.

And is it not bizarre that Lucio Fontana could make his reputation from slashing his blank canvases — all part of the art — whereas the vandal who slashed a Barnett Newman painting in Amsterdam a few years ago got six months in jail? Fontana was creating, not destroying, but try explaining that to the vandal.

CONCERTS: Mahler and Weir in Liverpool (below left) and first-rank Lieder singing in London

Contrasts in tones

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JUDITH Weir's *Music, Untangled* was composed just over a year ago for the 50th anniversary of the Tanglewood Music Center. Its title is both a word-play on Tanglewood and a reference to her material, a melody sung by cloth-workers in the Scottish Western Isles; it looks as though there ought to be some deeper implication.

But the music hardly hints at hidden depths: it begins in simple fashion and returns to that at the end, scarcely deviating from a diatonic scheme — indeed a kind of C major. It is a charming six-minute *pièce d'occasion*, colourful but delicate, gently varied in its textures, showing the heavy influence of minimalist sounds, and by no means outstaying its welcome.

The work was worth bringing to England, and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra yet again showed initiative in performing a work that is not entirely new but could easily be forgotten. The orchestra certainly played it with slitheringly elegant skill, thus allowing the changing colours to evolve without any sense of effort.

Whether it was the right work to precede Mahler's Sixth Symphony is another question. The most rugged (and perhaps least loved) of Mahler's symphonies is also the one best calculated to dwarf music showing any hint of lack of substance. Libor Pesek swirled into it with a passion, securing energetic and anguished playing from the orchestra, maintaining a firm control of its design and keeping the tension alive through to the end.

Pesek avoided the elegance of the wit in the Scherzo (he made some of these passages sound leaden); he has a tendency to slow down suddenly when the score specifically demands a gradual transition, and quite often he directly contradicts what Mahler asks for.

The result can be episodic, but nobody can question the power of his reading, the sheer gathering terror of the spectral marches as they move towards the hammer strokes and their associated climaxes in the last movement.

DAVID FALLOWS

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WHO would be a singer? On the one hand, to make a high-profile career you have to satisfy the demands of opera houses and regularly pit your voice against vast orchestras. On the other hand, if you are any kind of musician at all, you relish the challenge, the intimacy, the refinement of the repertoire of Lieder.

Anne Sofie Von Otter and Olaf Bär shared an ambitiously demanding concert last Friday (and again on Sunday) in which, with their highly responsive pianist Geoffrey Parsons, they plundered the entire contents of Hugo Wolf's *Spanisches Liederbuch*. The performance started, like many a *Götterdämmerung*, early in the evening. By 9.30pm it was plain that both voices had tired, perfectly understandable in the circumstances.

Bär had actually seemed out of sorts from the start. When his lyrical baritone was offered the opportunity to rise to a loud dynamic and a register on the high side (rare in these songs), everything in the vocal garden bloomed marvellously. But anything that demanded quieter and lower singing revealed a fragility of tone and a tendency to flatten the pitch marginally, which for a singer in his mid-thirties is worrying. Von Otter sang with more consistent technical control, and hence made the more pleasing sound.

Wolf's settings of Geibel's and Heyse's versions of Spanish folk poetry might not compare with the sheer quality of tune-writing or that unfailing sense of harmonic rightness and formal balance of Schubert. But these songs straddle an immense range of mood. Both singers responded with meticulous sensitivity to poem, phrase and word, encouraging forgiveness of whatever vocal problems they encountered. Parsons rarely put a foot wrong, except when once he began the wrong song. That is the kind of small incident which in any case only serves to draw audience and performers closer together in their refined conspiracy of mutual emotional exploration.

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Who will step into their shoes?



Last leaders: English National Ballet's departing artistic director Ivan Nagy (left), the Royal Ballet's late principal choreographer Sir Kenneth MacMillan (centre) and Rambert's Richard Alston

The leading British dance companies are running around like a clutch of chickens with their heads cut off, driven by senseless reflex action. Consider the facts. For the first time in its 62-year history, the Royal Ballet is without a resident choreographer, having had to announce David Bintley's resignation from that post last week, only a couple of months after the death of his colleague Kenneth MacMillan, who held the title of principal choreographer.

On the same day, English National Ballet announced that it was seeking a new artistic director to take over in the summer, because Ivan Nagy will not seek an extension of his contract. He will have been in office for only three years following his appointment by the strong-willed new chairman, Pamela, Lady Harlech, whose first action was to sack his popular and successful predecessor Peter Schaufuss.

These two startling developments came hard on the heels of a shockingly curt statement by Rambert Dance Company that "as part of the ongoing development" of the company Richard Alston was to leave his position as artistic director. An indication either of acrimony or of a desperate crisis is the fact (not yet officially announced) that two premieres by Alston planned for the spring tour, a new work and a revival of his popular *Rainbow Ripples*, have been dropped.

Meanwhile, London Contemporary Dance Theatre has been without an artistic director since Nancy Duncan's abrupt departure last summer, when she found that the board which had appointed her only a few months earlier did not support her policies. Robert Cohan, the founder-director, has had to come back from retirement for the second time as a caretaker.

So every major London-based dance company finds itself lacking either creative or directorial leadership, at a time when strong policies are needed to survive the recession. The problem is most severe for the two contemporary dance companies, Rambert and London Contemporary, singled out by the Arts Council for a complete standstill in their grants (with inflation, that really means a cut) while other companies received at least small rises. On top of that, Rambert knew that its recent budgets had been possible only because of exceptional success in the big arts award schemes of Digital and the Prudential, which could not continue indefinitely.

Both these companies have been agonising about their policies in the light of declining audiences. They were unhappy about the extended touring in large theatres into which they were pushed by Arts Council policies and by what once seemed the prospect of an audience boom.

In the case of London Contemporary, the internal debate has raged for several years. It was thought a solution had been found with the appointment of Duncan (an American with a history of finding and presenting choreographers) and with plans to bring in various temporary artistic associates. Now everything is back in the melting pot, but unofficial word from the company is that, subject to Arts Council approval, it hopes this spring to announce a radical new way of working, to take effect in a year's time.

Rambert's position is different.

> 'Every major London-based dance company finds itself lacking either creative or directorial leadership'

The coup which brought Alston in as director in 1986 was as swift and painful as the one causing his departure. His first task was to abolish the old eclectic repertoire policy in time for the company's diamond jubilee that summer.

Under him, supported to the hilt by the late Adrian Ward Jackson as chairman, a homogenous company style emerged, inspired mainly by the later works of the American dance genius Merce Cunningham, and involving much collaboration with painters and composers. Alston's preferred description of the repertoire was "like-minded"; it achieved some fine work (not least from Siobhan Davies, who became associate choreographer) and much critical praise. But audience appeal had begun to slacken, and anyway costs had to be reduced; a big cutback in spending on live music had already been decided for this spring.

Rambert's board members are sworn to secrecy on their discussions. But it seems clear that they are not yet agreed on future policy, so no immediate announcement about a new director can be expected.

At least the contemporary companies are aware of the need for rethinking policies. The ballet companies appear, by contrast, to believe that maintaining the status quo is enough. Suggestions for radical change, such as the rumour that English National Ballet and the smaller London City Ballet might merge, come only from outsiders.

Both sides insist that nothing is further from their minds, and that no approach has been made to them from any quarter; but there is speculation that some of the funding bodies might think it desirable. However, ENB's general administrator, Carole McPhee, says that costings worked out for an earlier proposed merger of that company and Northern Ballet Theatre prove that the idea would not work.

ENB is advertising for a new director. But will first-rate applicants be attracted to a post seen as being at the very least subject to strict economic limits, and perhaps at risk from a chairman widely believed — in spite of repeated denials — as wanting to take all the important decisions herself?

As for the Royal Ballet, in spite of the ignominy of being without its own staff choreographer, there is no case for making an appointment from among the aspirants it has tried out lately. Bintley will still create for them as a freelance, and his work is likely to benefit from wider experience abroad.

Besides, at present both the Royal Ballet companies are presenting hardly any new work (the informed guess is that this was an important factor in Bintley's decision to resign his position). It would be better to rely on him in a freelance capacity and on a much more adventurous use of outsiders, while waiting to see how the really young newcomers develop. The best of these, Matthew Hart in London and Oliver Hindle in Birmingham, both have real promise but need experience.

What is truly alarming, rather than the coincident but different problems of the various companies, is that nobody is addressing the underlying malaise of which these are only symptoms. Some problems are easily identifiable. Above all, dance in Britain is too polarised.

On the one hand we have contemporary companies whose creative work is important, and who attract enthusiastic but small audiences. On the other hand: ballet companies relying too much on old masterworks. We desperately need something in between, using the classic ballet technique in a more contemporary way.

For this we need directors of real vision, such as those who started all the present companies; and we are not likely to find such leaders while boards are making artistic decisions. We need a broader view, too, from the Arts Council, which fritters its energies and resources on fringe issues while neglecting major ones. We also need urgently an assessment of whether the large sums spent on educational work are working; surely they should be bringing in bigger audiences?

Money is always a problem; opera companies can perhaps be more daring because they get better funding even though ballet has higher attendance figures. The continuing lack of a proper London home for dance (identified as an urgent need years ago, and highlighted by the Bolshoi Ballet's present use of the Albert Hall) holds back many vital developments.

Meanwhile, thought costs nothing. If dance can show that it is thinking constructively, it will have a stronger case for more adequate funding.

Coming into focus

JUDGMENT was easier when people took one look at the Bolshoi Ballet and said "That's the best in the world". Those days are long past: neither in repertoire nor in standard of dancing can the present company lay any realistic claim to being No 1 in the international ranking.

With eight programmes listed for the London season, assessment of just where it does stand will take much fine tuning, but already a second programme has begun to bring first impressions into sharper focus. It included only one further work, but a particularly revealing one, and by showing different dancers in leading roles of the other two ballets it revealed more about the hundred-strong company Yuri Grigorovich has brought.

The new production is a suite from *Le Corsaire*, a ballet associated more with the Kirov. It was restaged in Moscow by the former Kirov director Konstantin Sergeyev shortly before his death last year. What are being given here are showpiece numbers from the two ballerina roles, Medora and Gulnare: the classical solos for three odalisques, the "jardin animé" scene for female corps de ballet and two big dance episodes for the pirates and their women, including one attractive semi-humorous dance for Birbanto (Gedeminas Taranda) and his girl no longer given in St Petersburg.

The Bolshoi do these wild whirling pirates dances rather well, the classical dancing markedly less so, except for the second odalisque's solo (the programme lists Tatiana Rastorgueva for this and Birbanto's girl; some mistake, surely?). Nadezhda Gracheva and Galina Stepanenko in the ballerina parts both emphasise technique rather than style, and Alexander Vetrov as the leading man gave a rough, heavy-going account of his solo.

Amusingly, the programme and the cast list are at odds about the role he is playing, the bold corsair Conrad or his faithful follower Ali. In the full ballet the dance is a trio, not a duet, and they share in partnering Medora; Vetrov compromised with Conrad's blond beard and moustache, and Ali's Eastern pants, bare chest and feather in his hair. It looked bizarre.

The *Romeo and Juliet* suite gained from a livelier, more sensitive pair of young lovers than on opening night: Inna Petrova a delicate Juliet and Andrei Uvarov an eager Romeo. *In The Golden Age*, too, second thoughts were best for the role of the gangster's moll, much more stylishly danced by Nina Semisorova than Maria Bylova's account on opening night.

The general impression so far is that the company is woefully short of real stars and experienced leading dancers; the corps is better at dramatic dances than classical ones; among many young dancers featured, the men have so far made more impact than the women on the whole.

JOHN PERCIVAL

TELEVISION REVIEW

Instant espresso is all froth, no flavour

There are two ways a producer can keep you on the edge of your seat when you are watching television drama. He can make plot, dialogue and acting so riveting that you wouldn't leave your sofa even if Michael Aspel dropped by and said that you, yes YOU, were the subject of tonight's *This Is Your Life*. Or he can make plot, dialogue and acting so shaky that you sit glued to see if the whole thing is some sort of tongue-in-cheek joke, or if Jeremy Beadle will turn up and tell the cast they have been cruelly set up. The team behind last night's first episode of **Head Over Heels** (ITV) apparently chose the latter strategy.

The story is set in late-1950s Notting Hill, west London, in a young ladies' finishing school and in a grimy café which turns miraculously overnight into a hip, lipstick-red, rock 'n' roll coffee bar, complete with espresso machine, jukebox, kiss-curls and cola. Somehow the whole thing just made you feel grateful you hadn't been brought up in the 1950s.

On this showing, not only was the period summed up by primary colours in clothes and decor, but 1950s people also spoke in the verbal equivalent of simple primary colours. They even acted in the same simple tones.

When rebellious, rock 'n' roll-loving Camilla de la Mer — daughter of a social-climbing, nouveau-riche northerner — is enrolled in the "Academy for Young Debutantes" in Notting Hill and then quickly falls for Jimmy, the short-order cook from Stan's Café over the road, your suspicions are aroused. This is partly because Notting Hill in the 1950s was better known for peeling bedsits than for chi-chi gels' finishing schools.

The characters in *Head Over Heels* were not out of central casting, but out of the carpenters' workshop. The plot was made by joining the dots. And the dialogue, well, the dialogue landed poor Camilla with such B-movie lines as, "I'll tell you how to make money Stan; turn this place into an espresso bar!" and later, to Jimmy, after her headmistress catches the couple jiving over Stan's espressos:



Odd couple: Camilla (Jackie Morrison, right) and Jimmy (Ian Embleton) in Head Over Heels

"It's all your fault. If you hadn't started this whole rock 'n' roll thing in the first place we'd never have been caught!"

This is the first taste of the newly-franchised Carlton TV's taste in drama. Had it gone out at 4pm, its schoolgirl tone might just have passed unnoticed, but at prime time, you were always waiting for the Fonz to walk on, or for a hint that you were not expected to take this seriously.

The team seemed to have decided that you could best recreate 1950s ambience by aping stilted 1950s film technique. The show's sensibilities were also decades out of date. Even today's youngest teenagers must suspect there was something racier to life 35 years ago than wearing mismatched bobby sox.

Even though the director has been too subtle about his intentions, *Head Over Heels* may yet be a sharp spoof. If it isn't, Carlton's drama output can only get better.

JOE JOSEPH



FOLK: A fine singer shines in an unpromising setting

June should be busting out all over

NOT the most glamorous of venues for this all-too-rare appearance by the exquisite folk-singer **June Tabor**. The bi-weekly folk club Chestnuts meets in the upstairs function room of the Heathcote Arms, Leytonstone, with the result that its guest artists have to brave the stentorian thump of the jukebox below during their quieter numbers.

But Tabor, pale in a black gown, her hair pulled back severely, gave no indication of being thrown by having to perform a largely traditional set within the tinsel glow of Christmas decorations that had survived their Twelfth Night curfew. Accompanied only by the remarkably sympathetic playing of Mark Emerson on violin or accordion, she proved herself again a dramatic and perceptively interpretative singer whose gifts transcend the unfashionable category she finds herself in.

There was surprisingly little material from her fine new album *Angel Tiger*, for the Cooking Vinyl label. Instead, she chose songs which, though coming from the heart of the folk tradition, had a direct political relevance to the present day: Brecht and Eisler's "The Ballad of Marie Sanders", augmented by Emerson playing a melancholic polka from the Auvergne, was particularly effective, as were two items about the decline of the coal industry — John Bond's "Joe Peel", and "Old Miner", a poem written by an unnamed miner, working at a fated North Warwickshire colliery in the 1960s, and set to the simplest of music. More heavy-handed and hence less effective was an anti-Heseltine number, which was given, rather too obviously, the tune of Gershwin's "Summertime".

Elsewhere, Tabor's wonderful rich and expressive voice — at turns chilling, tender or loaded with anger and regret — held her audience rapt and silent, despite crowded and uncomfortable conditions. Although entirely static before the microphone, she conjured up an extraordinary sense of atmosphere on Les Barker's malevolent "Queen Cruelty", put to the tune of the traditional air "The Hawthorne Tree of Cawdor", and the sensual "Riding Down to Portsmouth".

Her parting shot was a version of Richard Thompson's "Waltzing's for Dreamers": richly melodic and warm as toast. It was the ideal end to an evening which underlined the fact that she is the most underrated woman singer in British popular music.

ALAN JACKSON

Carling's players ready for the challenge

England prepared to ring changes in pursuit of history

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN *L'Equipe*, the authoritative French sports daily newspaper, polled pundits from each of the participants about the outcome of this season's five nations' championship, there was unanimity: England would win.

Fortunately for their supporters, the England players do not share this certainty. "We don't have any right to a third successive grand slam," Will Carling, the captain, said, "but we will work very hard, game by game, to achieve it."

If they do, they will have made history. Not even the great English sides of the 1920s or the Welsh of the 1970s managed three in a row.

During training recently in Lanzarote, Geoff Cooke, the team manager, asked England's squad what it proposed for an encore to the slams of 1991 and 1992. "I don't think we really arrived at an answer, but lots of different elements are involved — changing certain emphases in our game," Cooke said. "Other teams have had plenty of time to study us; they think they know how we play, so we must try and surprise them."

Motivation is not one of the manager's problems. Once any player becomes part of a successful organisation, there is an intensely competitive desire to stay there, and there have been warnings enough that, if standards slip or the nature of the game requires change, this England management will do so.

"None of us thinks that, because we have a settled team, because we have great back-up from the A team, we just have to go out and win," Carling said. England have considerable respect for the team picked by France, their opponents when the championship begins at Twickenham on Saturday; that has not always been the case. "They have a strong pack, a world-class goal kicker and good broken field runners," Carling added. "I'm just happy they have to come to us."

Since Jim Fleming, of Scotland, will referee, discipline will be the key for both teams. However, the boot will be on the other foot, so to speak, when England play Wales in Cardiff on February 6, as that match will be handled by one of France's international debutants, Joel Dumé.

The French panel also includes Patrick Robin, who has handled six leading internationals since 1988, and another newcomer, Alain Cuq. Dumé contributed to one of the best matches of this season when he refereed England B against South Africa at Bristol last November. How he will fare in a contest with significant overtones for both countries remains to be seen.

Yesterday, snow coated Murrayfield where Scotland play Ireland on Saturday in the first international there since the completion of the first phase of the stadium development programme. Bill Hogg, the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) secretary, emphasised that the match was in no danger thanks to the new under-soil heating.

The SRU has squads of workmen standing by to clear snow from the stands and nearby roads if necessary and Hogg's main worry was that further bad weather might prevent some of the 54,000 crowd reaching Murrayfield.

Webb ready to tour

JONATHAN Webb, the England full back and holder of the five nations' championship record of points in a season, will be available to tour with the British Isles in New Zealand this summer.

Webb's position was in doubt because of his work commitments, but his new employers at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon, where he takes up a post as an orthopaedic registrar next month, have been sympathetic in working out a long-term rota that allows him time to play for England.

Webb will be at Swindon until early 1994 during what may be his final year in international rugby. Among his rivals for the full back berth are Gavin Hastings, of Scotland, and Tony Clement, of Wales.



The eyes have it: Gabriela Sabatini, of Argentina, shows the determination that helped her to beat Japan's Kimiko Date 7-5, 6-2 on the opening day of the New South Wales championships in Sydney yesterday

Cowboys' defence restricts Eagles

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE Dallas Cowboys play the San Francisco 49ers next Sunday for the right to represent the National Football Conference (NFC) in Super Bowl XXVII. In the American Football Conference (AFC) final, also next Sunday, the Buffalo Bills play away to the Miami Dolphins.

The final four in the race for the National Football League final, which will be played in Pasadena, California, on January 31, were determined at the weekend. On Sunday, Dallas defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 34-10 and Miami beat the San Diego Chargers 31-0. On Saturday, Buffalo beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-3 and San Francisco outlasted the Washington Redskins 20-13.

Emmitt Smith's 23-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter completed a 17-point Dallas surge that buried the Eagles. The Cowboys' defence, ranked No. 1 in the league, held the Eagles to ten yards in the second and third quarters. Smith gained 114 yards on 25 carries and Troy Aikman, starting his first play-off game, struggled before finishing with 15 completions in 25 attempts for 200 yards.

Steve Young threw two touchdown passes and his colleagues withstood his four turnovers in the 49ers' victory, which earned place in a conference final for the fourth time in five years.

The Redskins staged a second-half fightback, but San Francisco used a time-consuming drive, including a fourth-down conversion, to set up a 33-yard field goal by Mike Cofer with 2min 22sec left that completed the scoring.

Dan Marino, of Miami, capitalised on three interceptions with touchdown passes in a 21-point second quarter against the Chargers, who had been the hottest team in the league with 12 wins in 13 games including eight in a row.

The victory, achieved in heavy rain, set up the third meeting of the season between the Dolphins and the Bills, who are AFC East rivals. The clubs split their regular-season games, each winning away.

Frank Reich, of Buffalo, fired two touchdown passes against Pittsburgh. The Bills, losers of the last two Super Bowls, will participate in their third successive AFC final. The Steelers outplayed Buffalo in the first half but Neil O'Donnell threw two interceptions and lost a fumble on a sack in a rusty performance.

RESULTS: Conference semi-finals: NFC: San Francisco 49ers 20, Washington Redskins 13; Dallas Cowboys 34, Philadelphia Eagles 10. AFC: Buffalo Bills 24, Pittsburgh Steelers 3; Miami Dolphins 31, San Diego Chargers 0.
FIXTURES (won-lost records in brackets). Sunday: Conference finals: AFC: Buffalo (13-5) at Miami (12-5). NFC: Dallas (14-3) at San Francisco (15-2). Jan 31: Super Bowl XXVII (Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California)

ICE HOCKEY

Murphy begins in style

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

KEVIN Murphy, the new coach of Nottingham Panthers, preaches discipline and maximum effort and both were in evidence as the Panthers won their first game for him, 6-5 against Cardiff Devils. The winning goal was scored by Selmar Odelein just 12 seconds from time.

Murphy was obviously delighted with his start. "I like the squad I have," he said, "and have some stuff I can do with these guys and we will take it from there.

"We skated hard this week and while we are still not in great shape, we will get into better shape for the next couple of games."

The win took the Panthers from ninth to seventh in the premier division of the Heineken League and their performance bodes well for the second half of the season.

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New recruits join violent breed

John Goodbody says that hooligans who were previously unknown to the police caused most trouble at the European championships

THE police report into the violence at the 1992 European football championship finals, released yesterday, shows that a new batch of hooligans has succeeded those who caused trouble at the 1988 tournament and the 1990 World Cup.

Of the 210 Englishmen arrested during the championship, only 38 were already listed in the central computer in London, where details of 5,500 known hooligans are kept.

"This surprised us; there certainly seems to be no shortage of recruits for trouble-making," Superintendent Adrian Appleby, whose unit co-ordinates the campaign against football-related violence by British supporters, said.

However, the disturbances in Malmö and Stockholm would have been even worse had it not been for preventative measures. Details of 287 potential troublemakers were sent from London to Scandinavia: 90 were identified by the police as attempting to watch the competition; 15 were arrested and many others were deported.

The football unit of the National Criminal Intelligence Service reported yesterday that of the 210 Englishmen arrested during the tournament, 155 were detained in Sweden, 47 in Denmark, where many English supporters stayed, six in Norway and two in Germany.

Most of the English were arrested for theft, assault or creating a public disturbance. The Swedish police said that, in addition to the Englishmen, 59 Germans, 47 Swedes, two Dutch and 21 other nationalities were held.

The English figure could have been much higher. For after the most serious incident, which took place in the city centre of Malmö shortly after midnight on June 14, when 300 local police were needed to restore calm, only eight English supporters were charged, with a further two being deported.

It is significant that Neil Goodwin, of Letchworth, one of the two men who climbed on the roof of the beer tent in Malmö, an action that signalled the start of this outbreak of hooliganism, figured on the computer in London only for a minor offence. His record in football-related violence was never regarded as sufficiently serious to alert the Swedish authorities.

Appleby said that the level of disturbances generally did not reach that of the 1988 championship finals in Germany, when about 800 supporters of all nationalities were arrested, including 394 Englishmen.

The planning of the security for the 1992 championship finals, which cost the Swedes about £12 million, took two years, with British officers travelling to Sweden on several occasions to liaise with their counterparts.

The main lesson from the championship was that foreign officers will always use their own methods when they are under pressure, Appleby said. "Without in any way criticising the Swedes, there is a difference in policing culture from country to country," he added.

The contrast between the English and the Scots in Sweden is striking. Not one Scottish supporter was arrested. The Scotland supporters were awarded the fair play trophy in Sweden and each of them also received a personal letter from Uefa, thanking them for their sportsmanlike conduct.

Appleby said that the trend in domestic hooliganism this season was towards some supporters using football matches as an excuse to travel the country, committing offences including burglary, while the local police are forced to concentrate on the match itself.

Incidents involving gangs of supporters are often taking place hours after the game, when many of the police have gone off duty. Cup-ties, involving smaller clubs, are particularly prone to these problems.

Last Saturday, there was widespread trouble in Sheffield after United's match with Burnley, who unexpectedly had more than 8,000 supporters at Bramall Lane.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wakefield succeed in signing Enslin

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WAKEFIELD Trinity were determined to sign somebody before yesterday's Challenge Cup transfer deadline and, eventually, they succeeded. Jonathan Davies may not be arriving in Wakefield from Widnes, but Albertus Enslin, one of South Africa's brightest prospects, is.

Enslin, 26, a goal-kicking centre for Cape Town with a reputed speed of 10.6sec over 100 metres, rejected the chance to represent his country in the World Sevens in Sydney next month to join Wakefield on trial. He is the second South African to get his chance in the English game after Oldham recently signed Jamie Bloem, a young back.

Castleford, meanwhile, beat **Leeds** in the race to sign Andy Fisher, the talented **Featherstone Rovers** second-row forward, in exchange for the utility player, Neil Roebuck. Terry Smirk, **Hull's** reserve scrum half, has joined Leeds on a month's loan.

Wigan made the biggest-money deal in the purchase of Martin Hall, the **Rochdale Hornets** hooker, for £35,000, who is intended as cover for Martin Dermott, the Great Britain forward, who has been plagued by injury this season.

Paul Forber, who **Salford** paid £25,000 for from **St Helens**, will make his debut at prop forward at home to **Leigh** tomorrow. Salford will be without backs Jason Critchley, who has damaged ribs, and John Gilfillan, who is suffering from a torn groin muscle, as they attempt to avoid an eighth successive defeat.

Bobby Goulding, **Widnes's** international scrum half, is struggling to be fit for tomorrow's home tie with **Swinton**, of the second division, in the Challenge Cup preliminary round after he sprung a shoulder in the defeat at Hull on Sunday.

POOLS FORECAST

THE most appealing treble chance propositions are in the third division. Barnet, the leaders, have been invincible at home, dropping just four points, but Wrexham's rise suggests they can force a draw at Underhill. Wrexham have climbed to third and have lost only twice away.

Colchester United, without an away draw, are taken to break their duck at Chesterfield. Both sides have improved of late and look on course for stalemate. Torquay United v Bury is the other game in this section which invites a cross on your coupon.

Blackburn Rovers, along with Ipswich Town, are the away draw specialists in the Premier League, totalling six. They seem a good bet to increase that number against Oldham Athletic.

A few weeks ago, West Bromwich Albion would have been a banker away selection at Exeter. Not now. Although West Bromwich have maintained their push for promotion, Exeter's recent results have been good enough for them to share the spoils.

The Scottish section should supply four draws, the most confident choice being the premier division encounter at Hibernian.

Saturday January 16 unless stated
PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Everton v Leeds
1 Man City v Arsenal
1 Nottm F v Chelsea
X Oldham v Blackburn
2 South'pton v C Palace
X Tottenham v Sheff Wed
2 Wimbledon v Liverpool
Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Middlesbrough (Sunday); Norwich v Coventry; Queens Park Rangers v Manchester United (Monday); Sheffield United v Ipswich
FIRST DIVISION
1 Barnsley v Bristol C
X Bristol R v Sunderland
2 Cambridge v Grimsby
X Leicester v Watford
1 Luton v Notts Co
1 Newcastle v Peterboro
2 Southend v Derby
1 Swindon v Charlton
Not on coupons: Millwall v Brentford (Sunday); Tranmere v Oxford (Friday); West Ham v Portsmouth; Wolves v Birmingham (Sunday)
SECOND DIVISION
2 Blackpool v Rotherham
1 Bolton v Plymouth
1 Bradford v Swansea
1 Burnley v Wigan
2 Chester v Port Vale
X Exeter v West Brom
1 Fulham v Stockport
1 Hartlepool v Preston
2 Hudd'field v Bourn'm'th
1 Hull v Leyton O
1 Reading v Brighton
1 Stoke v Mansfield
THIRD DIVISION
X Barnet v Wrexham
X Chest'field v Colchester
2 Doncaster v Scarborough
1 Halifax v North'pton
1 Rochdale v Hereford
1 Scunthorpe v Carlisle
2 Shrewsbury v Lincoln
X Torquay v Bury
1 Walsall v Gillingham
1 York v Darlington
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2 Altrincham v Slough
1 Bromsgrove v Wilton
X Dagenham v Gateshead
2 Farnborough v Bath
SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Airdrie
1 Celtic v S Johnst'ne
X Dundee v Hearts
1 Falkirk v Partick
X Hibernian v Dundee U
2 Motherwell v Rangers
SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Dumbarton v Raith
X Dunf'mline v Clydebank
1 Hamilton v Ayr
1 Kilmarnock v Meadowb'k
1 Morton v Cowdenb'th
2 St Mirren v Stirling
SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Montrose
X Arbroath v Stranraer
2 Berwick v Clyde
1 Brechin v Forfar
1 East Fife v Albion
Not on coupons: E Stirling v Queen's Park; S'muir v Queen of South

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Oldham, Tottenham, Bristol Rovers, Leicester, Exeter, Barnet, Chesterfield, Torquay, Dundee, Hibernian, Dunfermline, Arbroath.
BEST DRAWS: Oldham, Exeter, Barnet, Chesterfield, Hibernian.
AWAYS: Crystal Palace, Derby, Rotherham, Port Vale, Slough.
HOMES: Barnsley, Luton, Newcastle, Bradford, Stoke, Halifax, Rochdale, Scunthorpe, York, Aberdeen, St Mirren, East Fife.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Luton, Newcastle, Stoke, York, Aberdeen. Aways: Derby, Port Vale, Rangers. Draws: Exeter, Barnet, Chesterfield.

☐ Vince Wright

Coaches return their verdict: Witt is skating on thin ice

Michael Coleman finds the figures do not add up for a double Olympic champion's comeback

THE verdict on Katarina Witt's Olympic chances expressed in Helsinki yesterday by coaches attending the European skating championships was not encouraging. She has been left behind by the rest, they claimed, and time is not on her side. The big triple jumps she avoided even when at the top are now out of her reach, they added.

The opinions of these professionals, all of whom competed at the highest level, were illuminating. It contrasted sharply with the respect given Witt last week in Berlin and London. "A third gold medal at Lillehammer next winter to add to those won in Sarajevo and Calgary has always been my secret dream," she said. It made a good read.

But back on the ice reality set in. No coach is shown more respect than Stanislav Zhuk, the supervisor of all Russian trainers whose pupils have won 138 Olympic, world and European medals.

"At 27 years, she cannot learn jumps like the lutz and flip," he said. "Kristi Yamaguchi [the Olympic and world champion] and Lu Chen, of China, are three times better technically than Witt. Her time is up."

Alex McGowan, who turned Debi Thomas, of the United States, into a world champion and now trains Steven Cousins, of Britain, said Witt would be confronted with great technical problems and would be out of her depth. At Calgary in 1988, Witt was third in the closing free programme, and only her lead in the earlier figures test, now dropped, and short programme saved her.



Witt: "time is up"

Didier Gailhaguet, former trainer of Surya Bonaly, who today heads for her third successive European title, said: "Sure, she can enter and try. It's great publicity for the sport. But gold? Impossible. She is out of competitive condition — galas and shows are not enough — and she hasn't time to get it back."

Frantisek Blatek, a pairs coach from Brno, Czech Republic, was equally curt: "Impossible. Not with just three jumps." He was referring to the toe-loop, salchow and loop that Witt was just managing before exiting the amateur sport. Under a new scoring system that Zhuk has devised, which he wants adopted, the triple toe loop scores 64 points, the salchow 85 and the loop 105. For the flip the score is 125 and for lutz 145. A triple axel, Ito's speciality, is worth 230.

Could Witt's elegance and glamour balance up matters? Some coaches held out hope. "I want her back for her grace and to bring the physically maturer skaters back among the young ones," Igo Moskvin, of St Petersburg, said. But Paul Martini, a world pairs champion in 1984, had the last word: "If I was a betting man, you would not get good odds from me."

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Third round
Crewe v Marine
Ipswich v Plymouth (7.45)
Northampton v Rotherham (all ticket)
Notts County v Sunderland (7.45)

Third-round replays
Burnley v Sheffield Utd
Everton v Wimbledon
Oxford Utd v Swansea (7.45)
Tranmere v Oldham (7.45)

Coca-Cola Cup
Fifth round
Arsenal v Nottm Forest (7.45)

Barclays League
First division
Swindon v Birmingham (all ticket, 7.45)

Third division
Darlington v Carlisle

Autoglass Trophy
First round
Mansfield v West Bromwich
Bury v Rochdale

Second round
Hull v Chesterfield
Port Vale v Fulham (7.45)
Scarborough v Bradford (7.45)
Stockport v Hartlepool
Leyton Orient v Wrexham (7.45)

Scottish League
Premier division
Motherwell v Dundee Utd
Rangers v Falkirk

Second division
Berwick v Brechin
East Fife v Clyde
East Stirling v Arbroath
Forfar v Queen's Park
Stenhousemuir v Alloa

Vauxhall FA Trophy
First-round replays
Bromsgrove v Kettering
Dagenham and Redbridge v Yeovil
Hastings v Dover (7.45)
Slough v Yeading
Witton v Macclesfield

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third-round replay: Postponed: Clydebank v Airdrie.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Postponed: Macclesfield v Kidderminster; Witton v Stafford.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Llanelloes v Caersws.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Blackburn v Leicester (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Coventry v Huddersfield; Derby v Scunthorpe; Preston v York.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe v Chatteris; Newmarket v March; Norwich United v Stowmarket; Tiptree v Brantham Athletic.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Watford (2.0)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Dudley. Southern division: Bury Town v Sittingbourne

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Third round: Rushden and Diamonds v Gresley Rovers. Third-round replay: Halesowen v Gloucester City.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Lydney v Berry Hill (7.0); Royal Navy v Plymouth (Devonport, 7.15); Penarth v Cardiff Institute (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: European men's league England v Holland (St Austell).

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TOADO

(c) A poisonous puffer-fish of the family *Tetraodontidae*, from the Oz *Toadfish* + *o*: "Australia alone has more than 30 different species of toadoes." "The silver-chequed toadfish or giant toado attains a metre in length."

PILI

(b) A Hawaiian name for the perennial grass, *Heteropogon contortus*, formerly used as a thatching material: "Common on all islands, the pili of the natives, very troublesome on account of its awns, which get entangled in the wool of the sheep." "In Hawaii, pili was preferred to other thatch material because of its pleasant odor [sic], brown color [sic, sic], and neat appearance."

CARRICKMACROSS

(c) The name of a town in County Monaghan, Ireland, used to designate certain forms of lace made there: "A lady's dress is described as having the train and petticoat trimmed with Carrickmacross point lace." Queen Victoria, no less: "A very pretty flounce. But it is not Carrickmacross."

KHADDAR

(b) Indian home-spun cotton cloth, from the Hindi word: "No person wearing clothes other than those made from khaddar — tolerated in the presence." "Ghandi called on all Indians to raise shortage of khaddar, or homespun cloth."

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Cowboys' defence restricts Eagles

By [illegible]

Star novice Sybillin 4-1 to beat old hands at Ascot

By Michael Seely

SYBILLIN was yesterday installed joint-favourite at 4-1 with Cyphrate by the sponsors for an attempt to become the first novice to win the £32,000 Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

If successful, the fast-jumping seven-year-old would give Jimmy Fitzgerald his second success in this competitive two-mile handicap following the 1990 triumph of Meikleour.

The speed of Sybillin's jumping when beating Dawson City easily at Newcastle was a revelation and suggested that the gelding would be capable of holding his own in this department against far more experienced opposition.

However, the evidence of the form book suggests that the one-time high-class hurdler faces a stiff task at the weights.

Indeed, *Timeform* assess Sybillin as needing to find around 20lb improvement in order to be able to cope with the likes of Cyphrate, Blitzkreig, Deep Sensation and Young Snugfit, who has already twice finished runner-up in the race.

The astute Fitzgerald, however, considers that his outstanding novice, whose long-term objective is the Arkle Challenge Trophy, is sure to give a good account of himself.

"I don't think he represents good value at 4-1," he said, "but the horse has been jumping fences for two seasons at home. Mark Dwyer thinks that he's already the best two-miler we've had. With the exception of Cyphrate, most of the opposition appear to be struggling to find their form."



Fitzgerald: confident that Sybillin will run well

The trainer's other reason for running Sybillin is the lack of suitable alternatives. "I don't want to let a chance like this slip as the horse seems to be in such good form," he added. "He has to carry big penalties in novice chases, so why not go for a big prize off a low handicap mark."

The trainer is also adamant that Sybillin will not be inconvienced by heavy going. "We've always thought that he liked good ground. But after he won in the soft at Newcastle, his breeder, Victor McCalmont rang me up and said that the whole family liked it that way, including Sybillin's mother."

Ladbrokes differ from Chandlers in making Cyphrate, Martin Pipe's impressive course winner, their clear favourite at 3-1. They then go 7-2 Blitzkreig and offer 5-1 Sybillin and Deep Sensation.

"We can't help thinking that Sybillin has a lot to find," John Thompson, the firm's ante-post manager, said.

Blitzkreig landed a spectacular gamble for his owner, J P McManus, when winning the race in 1991. Absent from the track all last season, the ten-year-old showed that he was on the way back when second to Saraemma at Leopardstown recently.

Edward O'Grady, Blitzkreig's trainer, is hopeful that the gelding will again go close. "We gave him a year off as he went lame and our vet said that rest was the best cure. But he ran terribly well at Christmas and I'm sure he's returning to form."

Of Blitzkreig's rivals, O'Grady admits to a healthy respect for Sybillin. "He's the one horse in the race that bothers me, as he's a class horse with a low weight. Let's hope that Blitzkreig remembers how much he likes Ascot. We're flying him over on Friday."

The race represents a stern comeback task for free-wheeling front-runner Young Snugfit, who is saddled with 11st 10lb for his first start of the season, the weights having risen 6lb following the defection of Waterloo Boy.

Runner-up to Blitzkreig in the Victor Chandler two years ago and again to Waterloo Boy last year, Young Snugfit has been off the track since sustaining an injury to his near-fore when beating Master Rajh in a match at Kempton in February.

Tinryland, a stable companion of Freeline Finishing, has an alternative entry in the preceding Grosvenor Handicap Chase over an extra half-mile.

SATURDAY'S BIG RACE

ADVANCE GOING: SOFT

2.00 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE
(Grade II: £21,592: 2m) (13 five-day acceptors)

1 4/53P21- YOUNG SNUGFIT (CD) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-11-10 J Osborne
2 21U/116- STAR'S DELIGHT (CD) (F Ban) M Pipe 11-11-7 —
3 512/662 BLITZKREIG (CD) (J P McManus) E O'Grady (Ire) 10-11-7 C O'Dwyer
4 2F11/61 CYPHRATE (CD) (Allas Smith & Jones Racing) M Pipe 7-11-1 (4ex) P Scudamore
5 4-22125 DEEP SENSATION (CD) (R Eliot) J Gifford 8-10-11 D Murphy
6 U122-3U1 BEECH ROAD (D) (T Geake) G Balding 11-10-10 (4ex) J Frost
7 353-111 SYBILLIN (CD) (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-10 (4ex) M Dwyer
8 2011F-32 AL HASHIMI (D) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 9-10-9 R Dunwoody
9 3-32122 SURE METAL (D) (Nolan Hardman & Partners Ltd) D McCain 10-10-8 —
10 12P1-66 TINRYLAND (D) (M Buckley) N Henderson 9-10-4 —
11 P3-1134 FREELINE FINISHING (D) (J Smart) N Henderson 9-10-1 —
12 1/03F-42 BOUTZDAROFF (D) (Robinson Publications Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-10-1 —
13 1555-16 FRAGRANT DAWN (D) W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 9-9-11 P Holley

(Minimum weight 10st 4lb)

BETTING (Victor Chandler): 4-1 Cyphrate, Sybillin, 9-2 Blitzkreig, Deep Sensation, 8-1 Young Snugfit, 10-1 Beech Road, Tinryland, 14-1 Freeline Finishing, 20-1 Al Hashimi, Boutzdaroff, Star's Delight, Sure Metal, 25-1 Fragrant Dawn.

(Ladbrokes): 3-1 Cyphrate, 7-2 Blitzkreig, 5-1 Deep Sensation, Sybillin, 8-1 Young Snugfit, 10-1 Beech Road, 12-1 Tinryland, 14-1 Freeline Finishing, 20-1 bar.

1992: WATERLOO BOY 9-11-10 R Dunwoody (6-4) D Nicholson 5 ran

Merano to spearhead field day for Easterby brothers

THE Easterby brothers, Mick and Peter, who have trained with such success for so long in Yorkshire, can take Leicester by storm today with a double apiece.

Merano, from Mick Easterby's Sheriff Hutton yard, is napped to defy top weight in the Breedon Handicap Chase.

A similar burden did not prevent him from winning a similar race, also in testing conditions, on his seasonal debut at Newcastle last month.

A useful hurdler on his day, notably when he won the Oddbins Handicap Hurdle at Aintree in 1991, Merano took well to jumping fences last season, winning initially by five lengths at Hexham and then much more impressively at Wetherby.

A leg injury ruled him out for the rest of the campaign but, on the evidence of his latest run at Newcastle, Merano has returned to the fray better than ever.

Pamber Priory, Arctic Teal and Farm Week comprise the nucleus of his opposition this afternoon. Before unseating his rider in the Mandarin Chase at Newbury, Pamber Priory was a close third behind Bit Of A Clown and Direct at Towcester.

Prior to that, Farm Week had been beaten a length by Direct at Chepstow while Arctic Teal was runner-up at Uttoxeter to the subsequent Kempton winner, Zeta's Lad.

Mick Easterby's other winner should be Issyin, who can take the Groby Maiden Chase following that commendable second to Around The Horn at Wetherby.

Not to be outdone, Peter Easterby can make this a family occasion by striking with **Westholme** (12.30) and **Antinous** (2.30).

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Westholme, my selection for the first division of the Nomad Novices' Hurdle, failed to impress many observers last time out when he was beaten a head by Kidlaw at Kelso.

While some cast doubt on his courage in a tight finish that day, his trainer was not dismayed and I think that he has a fine chance of proving his detractors wrong in this company.

Antinous can complete the stable double by winning the Dove Claiming Chase after running a horse with the proven ability of Macarthur to two lengths in a handicap at Catterick last time.

At Lingfield, where racing will take place only on the Equitrack all-weather course, following the abandonment of the novice chase, **Falcon Flight** (1.50) and **Keen Vision** (2.20) look up to winning first time out over hurdles this season, both having been sharpened for the occasion by a recent race on the Flat on this surface.

Falcon Flight, from Rod Simpson's Lambourn yard, is certainly the form horse in the Guy Mannering Claiming Hurdle, having gained four victories from seven starts last winter, the last of them in a competitive Newton Abbot handicap hurdle.

Keen Vision, an all-weather winner here last January, can complete a rare jumping double for David Arbuthnot in the Talisman Handicap Hurdle, to be initiated by **Fly For Gold** in the opening Ivanhoe Mares Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Fly For Gold has disappointed in good company at Lingfield and Uttoxeter on her latest two starts but had previously won a Nottingham selling race in good style and looks the best option in this modest handicap.

Weather takes toll again

TODAY'S meeting at Chepstow was called off following an inspection yesterday afternoon as the elements continue to take their toll on racing.

Rodger Farrant, clerk of the course at Chepstow, said: "There are patches of false ground. We had torrential rain overnight and more is forecast."

Today's other meetings at Leicester and Lingfield are expected to go ahead, although Lingfield's novice chase on the turf course was abandoned, reducing the card to six races on the all-weather track.

Tomorrow's meeting at Plumpton has already been called off because the course is waterlogged, bringing the total number of jump fixtures lost this season to 41.

Prospects for tomorrow's other turf programme at Kelso, where there is a 3pm inspection today, are not good. Johnnie Fenwicke-Clennell, clerk of the course, said: "There is an inch of snow on the track and the weather forecast is bleak."

BASKETBALL

Tigers are on form for titanic tussles

By Nicholas Harling

GUILDFORD Kings and Thames Valley Tigers, who meet in the final of the NatWest Trophy in Birmingham on Sunday, were also paired together when the semi-final draw for the national cup was made yesterday.

The promise of two titanic tussles between Tigers, the Carlsberg League leaders, and Guildford, champions in the guise of Kingston last season, should placate those who had hoped they would be kept apart for a second final.

Not that the cup final, at Doncaster on February 28, should be lacking anything for the likely presence of **Worthing Bears**, the second-placed team in the league. Worthing should be too good for **Leicester Riders** in the other semi-final.

Although Kingston won both finals against Tigers last season, by margins of 19 and 17 points in the cup and championship play-offs respectively, it will be a surprise if the survivors of that squad — Alton Byrd, Martin Henlan and Carl Miller — can help Guildford repeat those successes either on Sunday or in the national cup.

Tigers were convincing winners of the only league game between the clubs this season and confirmed that form by capturing the world invitation club championship trophy at Crystal Palace ten days ago. But they were made to battle in the cup quarter-final against **Cheshire Jets** on Sunday, with Jets making up a 45-33 deficit to be 72-71 down with 28 seconds left.

It was then that the second controversial decision affecting one of Cheshire's Americans, this time Tyrone Thomas, went against them. Tigers sank the foul shots before winning 76-71. Dave Gardner's 23 points were chiefly responsible for Cheshire's gallant rally.

Gardner's former club, **Manchester Giants**, were crushed 91-57 at home by Guildford, for whom the returning Lorenzo Duncan hit 22 points.

Injury-plagued **Derby Bucks** also went down heavily at home, 115-72 to Leicester. Thirty-one points from Gene Waldron served as a warning to Worthing, 92-62 winners at **Ware**, the last second division survivors. Ware's moment came when they led 11-8 after six minutes but, over the next six minutes, they suffered a 20-0 burst from the Bears.

Nobody worked harder for the Bears than Colin Irish, the leading cup scorer at the weekend with 26 points — the same as Doug Herring managed for Cheshire Jets in the only first division fixture. The Jets beat **Sunderland** 78-65 to climb off the foot of the table — at their opponents' expense — for the first time in two seasons.

RESULTS: National Cup: Quarter-finals: Cheshire Jets 71 (Gardner 23, Thomas 21), Thames Valley Tigers 76 (Obasohi 23, L James 13), Manchester Giants 57 (Hutcheson 17, Craven 16), Guildford Kings 91 (Henlan 22, Duncan 22). Semi-final draw: Guildford v Thames Valley, Leicester v Worthing. First legs, Jan 26; second legs, Feb 8

LEICESTER

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
12.30 Westholme.	12.30 Hallo Mam.
1.00 Uluru.	1.00 Kicking Bird.
1.30 Issyin.	1.30 Rejoinus.
2.00 **MERANO** (nap).	2.00 Merano.
2.30 Antinous.	2.30 James My Boy.
3.00 Martrajan.	3.00 Martrajan.
3.30 Ballykilty.	3.30 **SUPER RITCHART** (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 1.00 **MARIDADI** (nap). 2.00 Merano. 2.30 James My Boy.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **MERANO**.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES (HURDLES); GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE) SIS

12.30 NOMAD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,041: 2m) (18 runners)

1 000/P/0 ALWAYS AWAY 24 (A Stadler) J White 9-11-5 B Clifford (3) —
2 2/12/ BOOK OF RUNES 826 (S) (D Jones) J Edwards 8-11-5 N Williamson —
3 30 CHANDIGARH 45 (M Broke) R Lee 5-11-5 A Maguire 85
4 DESERT SPLENDOUR 87F (C Wardle) B Cambidge 5-11-5 Mr J Cambidge —
5 0-30P LLES LE BUCFLOW 54 (J Smith) F Jordan 5-11-5 A O'Hagan —
6 80-0 MAJOR BUSH 31 (T Johnsey) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 M Pitman —
7 MIRAGE OF WINDSOR (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-11-5 D Murphy —
8 PERFAY 82F (Shaikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) J Fanshawe 5-11-5 S McCourt —
9 0 RUTH'S GAMBLE 24 (Mrs A Emanuel) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-5 J White —
10 233-5 VASILIEV 31 (B) (R Houlton) J Leigh 5-11-5 W McFarland ⊕
11 42 WESTHOLME 26 (BF) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 5-11-5 L Wyer 85
12 YIMKIN BOOKRA 260F (M Al-Sabah) W Muir 5-11-5 M Richards —
13 COIN GAME 33F (T Jones) G Roe 5-11-0 P Maddock (7) —
14 JOLI'S GREAT 34F (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M Ryan 5-11-0 J Ryan (3) —
15 0/0- OH SO WINDY 372 (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 6-11-0 Mr N Bradley (7) —
16 QUEEN'S FAVOURITE (Mrs D Lennox) J Webber 5-11-0 M Lynch —
17 051 TAURIAN PRINCESS 39 (D,S) (Mrs A Burton) W Clay 4-10-8 Diane Clay 79
18 40 HALLO MAM 15 (D Brennan) O Brennan 4-10-2 M Brennan 72

BETTING: 2-1 Westholme, 7-2 Perfay, 6-1 Book Of Runes, 8-1 Vasiliev, 10-1 Mirage Of Windsor, 12-1 Major Bush, 16-1 Hallo Mam, Taurian Princess, 20-1 Chandigarh, Joli's Great, Desert Splendour, 25-1 others.

1992: LIVE ACTION 5-11-5 J Osborne (6-1) Miss H Knight 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHANDIGARH 13l 3rd of 11 to Captain My Captain in Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, good) novice hurdle on penultimate start. HALLO MAM 11l 7th of 18 to Personal Hazard in Wetherby (2m, good to soft) novice hurdle.

PERFAY useful miler on the Flat in France, winning at Maisons-Laffitte (1m, soft) in October. VASILIEV 69¼l 5th of 17 to Frickley in Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. WESTHOLME 13¾l 4th of 20 to Majed in Haydock (2m, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start. TAURIAN PRINCESS beat And Me 2½l in 7-runner Nottingham (2m, soft) claiming novice hurdle.

Selection: VASILIEV.

1.00 CHIEFTAIN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,272: 2m 4f 110yd) (19 runners)

1 14 CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 50 (G) (Mrs A Buxton) R Brotherton 5-11-6 Diane Clay 87
2 410/000- BALLOO HOUSE 346 (F) (R Brazier) Mrs P Sly 8-11-0 A Carroll —
3 0FR-530 BARELY BLACK 17 (N Babbage) N Babbage 5-11-0 W Humphreys 66
4 DOING THE DOUBLE (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 8-11-0 D Murphy —
5 23/22- DON'T LIGHT UP 402 (Mrs J Peutherer) J Edwards 7-11-0 N Williamson 90
6 6-3 MARIDADI 33 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 7-11-0 C Llewellyn 85
7 0/00P- MR MULKEEN 227 (T Mulkeen) G Jones 6-11-0 R Beggan —
8 PPP-P00 ROUGH CUT 7 (B) (E Bettes) R Juckes 8-11-0 N Juckes (7) —
9 0-000 SILVER SHILLING 25 (Mrs V Ward) Mrs V Ward 6-11-0 D Meredith (5) —
10 6P6-FPP SPARTAN DREAM 10 (M Tourgood) M Usher 5-11-0 G McCourt —
11 10-24 STRATH ROYAL 24 (G) (Lady Anne Bentinck) O Brennan 7-11-0 M Brennan 84
12 2 ULURU 8 (Mrs K Morgan) C Nash 5-11-0 J Kavanagh 97
13 06230-0 WEST BAY 11 (Mrs L Turner) T Thomson Jones 7-11-0 S Smith Eccles 98
14 BLUSHING BELLE 108F (C Shankland) J White 5-10-9 B Clifford (3) —
15 5/5 GABRIELLA MIA 46 (T Lyons II) A Jarvis 8-10-9 T Jarvis 78
16 350-433 GREENWICH BAMBI 25 (J Humphreys (Turf Accountants) Ltd) W Carter 5-10-9 A Maguire ⊕
17 0- KICKING BIRD 248 (Mrs D Claessen-Brierton) K Bailey 6-10-9 S McNeill —
18 64- LEGAL LEGACY 355 (W White) Mrs F White 5-10-9 M Hourigan (3) 90
19 5/0/P PEWTER PETA 25 (Roe Byfield Advertising) G Roe 9-10-9 P McDermott —

BETTING: 7-2 Greenwich Bambi, 9-2 Strath Royal, 5-1 Uluru, 6-1 Maridadi, 8-1 Don't Light Up, 10-1 Captain My Captain, 12-1 Doing The Double, 14-1 Kicking Bird, 16-1 West Bay, 20-1 others.

1992: LIGHT VENEER 7-11-12 M Lynch (6-4 fav) Mrs M James 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN 16l 4th of 13 to Hymne D'Amour in Wolverhampton (2m 110yd, good to soft) novice hurdle. DON'T LIGHT UP 3l 2nd of 13 to Buckingham Gate in Towcester (2m 5f, good) novice hurdle. MARIDADI 18l 3rd of 9 to Lo Stregone in Haydock (2m 6f, soft) novice hurdle. STRATH ROYAL 5¾l 4th of 23 to Chuck Curley in Nottingham (2m, soft) novice hurdle. ULURU 12l 2nd of 3 to Sun Surfer in Newbury (2m 5f, soft) hurdle. WEST BAY 4½l 3rd of 11 to Futura King in Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good) hurdle with SPARTAN DREAM tailed off 6th. GREENWICH BAMBI 11l 3rd of 16 to Lord Relic in Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) novice hurdle with SILVER SHILLING tailed off and PEWTER PETA pulled up.

Selection: GREENWICH BAMBI (nap)

1.30 GROBY MAIDEN CHASE (£2,729: 2m 1f) (20 runners)

1 05-0UP BALLY PARSON 73 (G Hulsby) J Chugg 7-11-8 D Bridgwater —
2 P00-4UF BATTLE BLAZE 61 (C Paterson) W Turner 10-11-8 R Greene (3) —
3 06-F4FF BEN 11 (B) (Mrs I Abrahams) Mrs A Knight 7-11-8 N Mann —
4 U-F BOBBY SOCKS 24 (G Sweeney) R Lee 7-11-8 D Tegg —
5 006P0- BRUCE'S CASTLE 269 (Mrs B Bin) B Rothwell 7-11-8 B Storey —
6 2-32236 DONT TELL THE WIFE 3 (V) (H & K Commissions) Mrs D Haine 7-11-8 N Williamson 95
7 5602-53 EARLHAM 60 (M Baillie) O Brennan 7-11-8 M Brennan —
8 8 GLASS CASTLE 22 (R J Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9-11-8 Mr G Johnson Houghton —
9 43-2342 GOLDEN FARE 11 (N Barrowclough) R Lee 8-11-8 A Maguire ⊕
10 F/50-334 GOOD SEOUL 36 (B) (R Chandler) K Morgan 9-11-8 A S Smith 94
11 32 ISSYIN 15 (Mrs H Brown) M W Easterby 8-11-8 R Dunwoody 96
12 30-0043 PICKETSTONE 36 (J Webber) J Webber 6-11-8 A Webb 75
13 003-3F3 REJOINUS 27 (S) (C Galloway) A Springer 8-11-8 R Bentley 96
14 06P50-F SANDAIG 32 (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 7-11-8 A Tory —
15 0/0U00- SINGING SPEAR 241 (D Faulkner) G Humphrey 8-11-8 G Bradley —
16 5/0000-5 SPIKEY 57 (S Powell) J Jenkins 7-11-8 M Ahern —
17 0/SF THE FLYING FOOTMAN 24 (Mrs J West) J McConnochie 7-11-8 S McNeill 93
18 P2R2-4P TRENTSIDE VALOUR 39 (V) (J Payne) C Smith 8-11-8 M Ranger —
19 03/0-5P5 NATIVE SCOT 8 (T Hooper) K Burke 7-11-3 R Supple 89
20 045/4P0 OUTRELO 5 (Mrs M Grant) J Webber 7-11-3 M Lynch —

BETTING: 11-4 Issyin, 7-2 Rejoinus, 5-1 Golden Fare, 6-1 Dont Tell The Wife, Good Seoul, 10-1 others.

1992: ERRANT KNIGHT 8-11-8 R Beggan (11-4 fav) M Pipe 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

DON'T TELL THE WIFE 2¾l 3rd of 10 to Kiwi Kali in Newton Abbot (2m 4f, heavy) novice handicap chase in December. GOLDEN FARE 12l 2nd of 17 to Sailors Luck in Windsor (2m, good to soft) novice handicap chase.

GOOD SEOUL 15l 4th of 11 to Bowl Of Oats at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to soft) novice handicap chase. ISSYIN 6l 2nd of 8 to Around The Horn in Wetherby (2m, good to soft) novice chase. REJOINUS 6¾l 3rd of 10 to Better Times Ahead in Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft) novice chase. THE FLYING FOOTMAN 23l 3rd of 6 to Wonder Man in Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft) novice chase.

Selection: REJOINUS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Curley	3	7	42.9	M Pitman	22	58	37.9
Mrs J Pitman	26	76	34.2	S Smith Eccles	11	47	23.4
J White	3	10	30.0	M Richards	7	34	20.6
O Sherwood	6	24	25.0	D Murphy	6	34	17.6
J Mackie	5	20	25.0	D Tegg	5	33	15.2
P Cundell	3	12	25.0	R Dunwoody	9	60	15.0

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robeson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.00 BREEDON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,248: 3m) (15 runners)

1 341/11-1 MERANO 24 (D,G,S) (Victor Chandler Ltd) M W Easterby 10-11-10 R Dunwoody ⊕
2 P32F-P3 MISTER ED 22 (D,F,G,S) (Tattling Horse Partnership) R Curtis 10-11-7 D Morris 89
3 003P-60 RUN TO FORM 52 (D,G,S) (Heyfleet Partnership) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-3 M Pitman 90
4 U5P2UP MWEENISH 26 (D,G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 11-11-1 W Marston (5) 93
5 3-0313U PAMBER PRIORY 10 (D,G,S) (D Makins) T Thomson Jones 10-11-0 G Rowe 96
6 101-342 ARCTIC TEAL 24 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Robeson) O Sherwood 9-10-13 M Richards 87
7 3/10242 FARM WEEK 38 (D,F,G,S) (Lord Chelsea) G Balding 11-10-12 A Maguire 97
8 2P12F-3 SIR NODDY 48 (C,D,F) (J Noden) C Vernon Miller 10-10-7 W Humphreys 85
9 4/2344-2 MISTER HARTIGAN 31 (D,S) (Mrs E Ellis) J Edwards 13-10-7 N Williamson 93
10 4P/054F ROYAL CEDAR 31 (D,F,G,S) (J Curtis) J McConnochie 12-10-2 S McNeill 80
11 5-223F4 PETTY BRIDGE 11 (F,G,S) (C Bouston) A James 9-10-0 R Bellamy 84
12 P245R-4 ADMIRAL'S LEAP 28 (B,D,F,S) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 9-10-0 L Wyer 82
13 45P04-2 PAMPERING 27 (D,G,S) (Cheltenham Race Club Owners) M Meade 12-10-0 J Railton 98
14 U1P1UP- D'OR'S GEM 242 (D,F,G) (South Cheshire Racehorses Ltd) P Bevan 10-10-0 T Wall 86
15 4-34521 MR SETASIDE 24 (S) (F Dickinson) J Mackie 8-10-0 C Llewellyn 80

Long handicap: Petty Bridge 9-11, Admiral's Leap 9-10, Pampering 9-9, D'Or's Gem 9-9, Mr Setaside 9-3

BETTING: 2-1 Merano, 5-1 Farm Week, 6-1 Pamber Priory, Arctic Teal, 10-1 Mister Ed, 12-1 Mr Hartigan, 14-1 Run To Form, Mr Setaside, 16-1 Pampering, 20-1 Sir Noddy, Mweenish, 25-1 Petty Bridge, Admiral's Leap, 33-1 Royal Cedar, D'Or's Gem.

1992: SIBTON ABBEY 7-10-1 Gee Armytage (3-1 jt-fav) F Murphy 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MERANO beat Mountebor 10l in 5-runner Newcastle (3m, heavy) handicap chase. MWEENISH 6l 2nd of 4 to Calabrese in Hereford (2m 3f, heavy) handicap chase with SIR NODDY (7lb worse off) 1l 3rd.

MISTER ED 12l 3rd of 6 to Just Moss in Lingfield (3m, heavy) handicap chase.

PAMBER PRIORY 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Bit Of A Clown in Towcester (3m 1f, soft) handicap chase. ARCTIC TEAL 3½l 2nd of 3 to Zeta's Lad in Uttoxeter (2m 7f, heavy) handicap chase. FARM WEEK 1l 2nd of 11 to Direct in Chepstow (3m 2f 110yd, heavy) handicap chase. MISTER HARTIGAN 8l 2nd of 9 to Goodshot Rich in Lingfield (3m, soft) handicap chase.

PAMPERING 6l 2nd of 7 to James My Boy in Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap chase. MR SETASIDE beat Morgans Harbour 4l in 9-runner Uttoxeter (3m 2f, heavy) handicap chase.

Selection: MERANO

2.30 DOVE CLAIMING CHASE (£3,101: 2m 4f 110yd) (17 runners)

1 U0-3F32 ANTINOUS 25 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 9-12-0 L Wyer ⊕
2 60-034U KAMEO STYLE 27 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Spittle) F Jordan 10-12-0 Mr D Duggan (7) 65
3 68/1P- DUNBRODY ABBEY 479 (F) (D Jones) T Forster 10-11-9 C Llewellyn 74
4 10/3P5. BALLYWILLWILL 31 (G) (A Lester) Miss S Wilton 7-11-5 W Marston (5) —
5 /P056-6 SEETEE YOU 87 (F) (Alan Merritt AFM Ltd) T Bill 10-10-13 J Railton —
6 022B-6P EXPOUND 29 (B,G) (E Betties) R Juckes 8-10-13 NON-RUNNER —
7 22-0P32 RINGMORE 31 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Askew) J Parkes 11-10-13 N Smith 89
8 5/P0 STARMINE 24 (J Parkes) J Parkes 7-10-13 R Garritty —
9 255/1-FP THATS THE BUSINESS 26 (F) (M Kerr-Dineen) G Balding 9-10-13 A Maguire 75
10 0/006-8 RYMOLBREESE 29 (Greener Fabrications Limited) A James 8-10-11 R Bellamy —
11 04/0342 DEMOCRATIC BOY 25 (D,F) (A Lee) J King 11-10-10 D Tegg 76
12 0P-20UP ENCHANTED MAN 15 (F,S) (Bedlinog Racing Club) R Lee 9-10-10 G McCourt 78
13 36-21U1 JAMES MY BOY 27 (D,G,S) (T Wood) M Hammond 13-10-10 A Orkney 94
14 523-352 PASSO ALL'ERTA 7 (S) (D Deacon) D Deacon 10-10-10 D Leahy (5) 71
15 313/5-P3 SOCKS DOWNE 41 (D,G,S) (C Cowley) A Chamberlain 14-10-10 A Webb 73
16 PPF-PP5 CLONMACOGUE 28 (L Gilbert) B Stevens 12-10-7 M Stevens (7) —
17 5P5464 OUR SURVIVOR 4 (B,F) (P Simpson) M W Easterby 9-10-7 R Dunwoody 72

BETTING: 9-4 Antinous, 11-4 James My Boy, 8-1 Ringmore, Thats The Business, 10-1 Dunbrody Abbey, 12-1 Passo All'erta, 14-1 Kameo Style, 16-1 Democratic Boy, Socks Downe, 20-1 Our Survivor, 25-1 Ballywillwill, Seetee You, Starmine, 33-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ANTINOUS 2l 2nd of 8 to Macarthur in Catterick (2m, soft) handicap chase. KAMEO STYLE 9¾l 4th of 8 to Catch The Cross in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap chase.

RINGMORE 2l 2nd of 8 to Laplaffe in Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) claiming chase with OUR SURVIVOR (4lb better off) 4l 4th and JAMES MY BOY (1lb better off) unseated rider 9th. DEMOCRATIC BOY 10l 2nd of 6 to Winabuck in Uttoxeter (2m 5f, heavy) handicap chase. JAMES MY BOY beat Pampering 6l in 7-runner Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap chase with KAMEO STYLE (18lb worse off) unseated rider 11th.

Selection: ANTINOUS

3.00 NOMAD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,026: 2m) (17 runners)

1 50/1 EASTER BABY 26 (D,S) (P Cundell) P Cundell 7-11-6 G McCourt ⊕
2 AL-TORFANAN 636F (J Kingham) T Kersey 9-11-5 Susan Kersey —
3 FRED EARTH (Mrs J Fanshawe) J Fanshawe 5-11-5 S Smith Eccles —
4 3 GORDON PASHA 41 (R Prince) O Prince 7-11-5 B Clifford (3) —
5 0P- HIGHLAND AIR 339 (Queen Elizabeth) I Balding 5-11-5 J Frost —
6 8 IN TRUTH 32 (Mrs E Houlton) J Leigh 5-11-5 N Williamson —
7 50F2-F0 ISLAND JEWEL 17 (M Cartwright) J Bosley 5-11-5 C Llewellyn 94
8 KATY'S LAD 84F (J Butler) B McMahon 6-11-5 T Wall —
9 33/223/ KING OF ZURICH 747 (Optimists Racing Club) R Rowe 8-11-5 T Grantham —
10 60-3 LEESWOOD 24 (M Allen) R Lee 5-11-5 A Maguire —
11 5/4-3 MARTRAJAN 41 (Mrs J Chambers) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-5 M Pitman 90
12 NASTY BOSS 502F (W White) Mrs F White 5-11-5 M Hourigan (3) —
13 5PP STUDFORD 32 (B) (T Fawcett) M W Easterby 5-11-5 R Dunwoody —
14 TRENDY AUCTIONEER 62F (T Riley-Smith) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-5 J White —
15 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 126F (R Brazier) Mrs P Sly 5-11-0 A Carroll —
16 43-P05 RUSSINSKY 25 (D Clark) G Bravery 6-11-0 R Beggan 89
17 SNAPPY'S BOY JOSH 119F (R Wright) P Felden 4-10-7 R Campbell —

BETTING: 2-1 Easter Baby, 3-1 Martrajan, 6-1 Fred Earth, 8-1 Highland Air, 12-1 Katy's Lad, 14-1 Leeswood, 16-1 King Of Zurich, Gordon Pasha, 20-1 Quietly Impressive, In Truth, 25-1 Snappy's Boy Josh, Studford, Al-Torfanan, 33-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

EASTER BABY beat La Princesse 6l in 17-runner Towcester (2m, soft) novice hurdle with RUSSINSKY (5lb better off) 10l 5th. GORDON PASHA 9l 3rd of 14 to Tax The Devil in Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) National Hunt Flat race. KING OF ZURICH 6l 2nd to Nordic Surprise in Leopardstown (2m, soft) novice hurdle in November 1990. MARTRAJAN 8¾l 3rd of 11 to Peaceman in Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle.

Selection: EASTER BABY

3.30 LEICESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,364: 2m) (5 runners)

1 11110-4 BALLYKILTY 84 (D,G,S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 8-11-10 J Railton 97
2 242-P00 CHILD OF THE MIST 11 (G,S) (J Whyte) J Whyte 7-11-8 B Clifford (3) ⊕
3 21P6- RATIFY 273 (D,G) (J Frewell) K Morgan 6-11-0 A S Smith 88
4 452100 SUPER RITCHART 11 (CD,G,S) (The Gradon Associates) B Palling 5-10-13 R Greene (3) 95
5 265-535 FIERCE 31 (D,BF,F) (P Piper) J Jenkins 5-10-8 M Ahern 94

BETTING: 2-1 Fierce, 9-4 Super Ritchart, 7-2 Ballykilty, 9-2 Ratify, 10-1 Child Of The Mist.

1992: WAKE UP 5-10-7 M Dwyer (11-2) B O'Leary 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLYKILTY 28l 4th of 8 to Auk Eye in Wolverhampton (2m 4f 110yd, good) novice chase. Completed four-timer last term, beat Bens Dilemma neck in 14-runner Thurles (2m 6f, soft) novice hurdle. RATIFY beat Sale Armel 2½l in 19-runner Windsor (2m, good) novice hurdle in March 1992.

SUPER RITCHART beat Cosamo 1½l in 8-runner Wolverhampton (2m 7f, soft) handicap hurdle. FIERCE 1l 3rd of 9 to San Lorenzo in Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft) handicap hurdle with CHILD OF THE MIST tailed off when pulled up before 3 out.

Selection: FIERCE

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN

1.20 Fly For Gold. 1.50 Falcon Flight. 2.20 Keen Vision. 2.50 Allegro Con Brio. 3.20 Bardesan. 3.50 Carfax.

THUNDERER

1.20 Cheryls Pet. 1.50 Falcon Flight. 2.20 Rarfy's Dream. 2.50 The Mine Captain. 3.20 Bardesan. 3.50 Master Dancer.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.20 IVANHOE MARES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,689: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 3103 NOMADIC ROSE 7 (BF,F,S) T Naughton 4-12-0 R Davis (5)
2 240 CHERYLS PET 7 P Burgoyne 5-12-0 K Hartnell (7)
3 0505 SHIMMERING SCARLET 7 R Buckler 5-10-13 B Powell
4 15P FLY FOR GOLD 25 (S) D Arbuthnot 4-10-12 G Upton
5 8/00 FILM LIGHTING GIRL 6 R Emery 7-10-8 P Ward (7)
6 4563 BUNDLE OF LUCK 29 K Bishop 6-10-5 D Hobbs (7)
7 2UU3 DIZZY DEALER 25 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-3 M Sharratt
8 0006 POLLY'S LASS 6 J Bosley 9-10-0 M Bosley
9 -4PP CRAZY DAISY 17 (B,G) W G M Turner 6-10-0 P Carey (7)
10 5006 JUST NELLY 5 J Mullins 7-10-0 S Dimond (7)

2-1 Nomadic Rose, 3-1 Fly For Gold, 5-1 Bundle Of Luck, 7-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 8-1 Polly's Lass, 12-1 Cheryls Pet, 14-1 Film Lighting Girl, 20-1 others.

1.50 GUY MANNERING CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,807: 2m) (16)

1 112- FALCON FLIGHT 12F (D,BF,F,G) R Simpson 7-11-10 D Gallagher
2 4-04 PREDESTINE 29 (CD,BF,G) M Madgwick 8-11-8 R Davis (5)
3 2F0/ CHESTER TERRACE 586F (D,S) J Spearing 9-11-6 V Slattery (5)
4 U/00 MISTER LAWSON 12F (CD) B Forsey 7-11-6 I Shoemark
5 -103 PUSEY STREET BOY 21F (D,F) J Bosley 6-11-6 M Bosley
6 2-F0 COLWAY PRINCE 39 A Jones 5-11-4 G Upton
7 5000 LANE LAD 11 (CD) Mrs J Wonnacott 9-11-4 R Edwards (7)
8 -P00 LOON 41 J Joseph 5-11-4 D Skyrme
9 5660 WINDSOR HIGHNESS 25 (D,G) K Wingrove 6-11-3 R Farrant (5)
10 1020 PLEASE PLEASE ME 62F (D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-1 D O'Sullivan (3)
11 0P-0 MASCALLS LADY 7 N Thomson 8-10-11 J Reaves (7)
12 0-0P RAPID ROSIE 71 (V) D Laing 5-10-11 B de Haan
13 5-00 SUMMER SANDS 8 J Harris 5-10-11 J A Harris
14 24P0 DUBLIN INDEMNITY 25 (G) N Callaghan 4-10-10 J Osborne
15 5335 OTTER BUSH 36 (V) G Blum 4-10-6 P Smith Eccles (7)
16- TULAPET 27F S Dow 4-10-5 A Dicken (5)

2-1 Falcon Flight, 3-1 Predestine, 5-1 Dublin Indemnity, 10-1 Please Please Me, 12-1 Otter Bush, Windsor Highness, 20-1 Pusey Street Boy, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Banks, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100.0%; S Dow, 18 from 43, 41.9%; C Benstead, 7 from 17, 41.2%; P Kelleway, 4 from 10, 40.0%; T Thomson Jones, 9 from 25, 36.0%; Miss B Sanders, 22 from 64, 34.4%.

JOCKEYS: A Bates, 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%; A Dicken, 16 from 37, 43.2%; G Heaver, 3 from 8, 37.5%; Dale McKeown, 30 from 91, 33.0%; Miss S A Billot, 3 from 10, 30.0%; H Davies, 14 from 51, 27.5%.

2.20 TALISMAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,749: 2m 2f) (11)

1 1-34 NORTHERN VILLAGE 15 (CD,G) S Dow 6-12-0 A Dicken (5)
2 1-01 RARFY'S DREAM 7 (C) J Banks 5-11-8 (6ex) S Keightley
3 015- KEEN VISION 24F (C,G) D Arbuthnot 5-11-5 Peter Hobbs
4 00-0 SING THE BLUES 7 (CD) C Benstead 9-11-1 L Harvey
5 24-1 ABERFOYLE 7 (C,S) Miss G Kelleway 5-11-1 (6ex) A Bates (7)
6 2-55 CAROLES CLOWN 84 (CD) M Haynes 7-10-13 D Skyrme
7 U022 SOUTH SANDS 11 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-12 NON-RUNNER
8 -000 ANARUKA 11 S Mellor 5-10-6 M Perrett
9 69P- MILLIE BELLE 355 (D,F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-4 J Halls (7)
10 PP0 VIKING VENTURE 6 (G,S) Mrs L Jewell 8-10-0 I Shoemark
11 3500 SYDNEY BARRY 17 (G) R Buckler 8-10-0 Mr C Bonner (7)

3-1 Rarfy's Dream, 4-1 Aberfoyle, 9-2 Northern Village, 5-1 Anaruka, 8-1 Caroles Clown, 10-1 Keen Vision, 12-1 others.

2.50 RED GAUNTLET NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,688: 2m) (11)

1 10 TAX THE DEVIL 8 (D,S) S Dow 5-12-0 A Dicken (5)
2 0 ALLEGRO CON BRIO 41 (BF) T Thomson Jones 5-11-7 D Geoghegan (5)
3 0- MANJACK 248 D Cantillon 5-11-7 Mr J Durkan
4 00- SILENT BRAVO 279 A Blackmore 6-11-7 S Curran (7)
5 6 STAN CARTER 35 C Smith 5-11-7 P Smith Eccles (7)
6 0- THE MINE CAPTAIN 311 F O'Mahony 6-11-7 R Farrant (5)
7 2-0 DELIGHTFUL MISS 32 H Webb 6-11-2 D Meade (7)
8 HALL END LADY J White 5-11-2 K Comerford (7)
9 00 LADY ALYS 8 (B) R Hodges 5-11-2 T Thompson (7)
10 HARRY THE CAB J Scargill 4-10-9 J Driscoll (7)
11 THE-LOG-MAN W G M Turner 4-10-9 P Carey (7)

5-2 Tax The Devil, 3-1 Allegro Con Brio, 6-1 Hall End Lady, 8-1 The-Log-Man, 10-1 Harry The Cab, 12-1 Delightful Miss, 14-1 Stan Carter, 16-1 others.

3.20 QUENTIN DURWARD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,733: 2m 2f) (10)

1 1255 BARDESAN 66 (B) O Sherwood 7-11-8 J Osborne
2 10F3 EMSBOY 50 (B,BF,S) P Cundell 5-11-8 L Harvey
3 -PP0 ASBAAB 7 Mrs J Wonnacott 8-11-2 Mr A Wonnacott
4 0-04 CROWN BALADEE 7 M Usher 6-11-2 H Davies
5 005F FORGE 81 K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-2 D O'Sullivan (3)
6 0 PATHFINDER FORCE 33 P Hedger 5-11-2 I Lawrence
7 0-34 SAKIL 7 S Dow 5-11-2 A Dicken (5)
8 06 ADMIRAL'S MISTRESS 26 P Makin 5-10-11 M A Fitzgerald
9 401 AL HAAL 7 (C) J Joseph 4-10-11 D Skyrme
10 0 ALCOY 45 P Kelleway 4-10-5 A Bates (7)

9-4 Bardesan, 9-2 Emsboy, 5-1 Al Haal, 11-2 Alcoy, 10-1 others.

3.50 WAVERLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,941: 3m) (14)

1 2340 LESBET 11 (CD,F) C Wildman 8-11-13 P Holley
2 3-00 DON KEYDROP 11 (CD) Miss B Sanders 9-11-12 D Gallagher
3 2053 MASTER DANCER 7 (CD,G,S) M Blanshard 6-11-6 Miss S A Billot
4 4345 METAL OISEAU 15 (B,G,S) J Moore 5-11-2 A Charlton
5 2P-0 RABA RIBA 49 J Spearing 8-10-9 M Perrett
6 PP/P MILTON BRYAN 6 (C,F) R Voorspuy 8-10-3 I Shoemark
7 0553 CARFAX 7 (C,BF,G,S) R Hoad 8-10-3 M Hoad
8 P200 CHAMPAGNE RUN 4 (F,G) W G M Turner 8-10-2 P Carey (7)
9 01-0 PANATHINAIKOS 24F (C) G Ham 8-10-0 B Powell
10 F-U0 PERRY WELL 39 (D,G) K Bailey 9-10-0 G Bazin (7)
11 PP/P DRAW POKER 58 O Sherwood 8-10-0 J Osborne
12 15P0 CHEAP METAL 7 (B,F) R Ingram 8-10-0 Dale McKeown
13 0006 DECIDING BID 7 (F,G) Mrs M Long 7-10-0 Leesa Long (7)
14 /P83 ELWADI 7 R Hoad 6-10-0 A Bates (7)

3-1 Carfax, 9-2 Metal Oiseau, 5-1 Lesbet, Master Dancer, 6-1 Panathinaikos, 8-1 Don Keydrop, 10-1 Champagne Run, 16-1 others

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Southwell

Going: standard

1.30 (6f) 1, DAANIERA (Emma O'Gorman, 17-2); 2, Greenwich Challenge (D McCabe, 2-1); 3, Nikki Noo Noo (G Bardwell, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Girl Next Door (4th), 12 Pine Ridge Lad (5th), Mark's Club (6th), Jordywrath, 25 Barley Cake, 33 Kute Lucy. 9 ran. ¾l, 3½l, nk, sh hd, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £9.00; £2.70, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £11.90. CSF: £27.28.

2.00 (1m) 1, NO SUBMISSION (S Wood, 16-1); 2, Spencer's Revenge (M Hills, 7-4 fav); 3, Lock Keeper (S D Williams, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Diamond Inthe Dark (4th), 12 Ballymoneyboy, 16 Martins Executive (5th), Broad Appeal (6th), Stairway To Heaven, 20 Bassio, 33 Meltonby, 40 Kronprinz. 11 ran. 2½l, 4l, hd, 4l, 4l. D Chapman at Stillington. Tote: £15.20; £2.50, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £127.00. CSF: £43.63. Tricast: £113.95.

2.30 (7f) 1, ALLINSON'S MATE (Alex Greaves, 10-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Who's That Lady (J Quinn, 12-1); 3, Boy Martin (S Webster, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bold Habit (4th), 8 Swinging Tich, 9 Pop To Stans, 12 Top One (6th), 14 Scottish Park (5th). 66 Nutmeg Lass. 9 ran. 2½l, ¾l, ¾l, sh hd, 6l. T Barron at Thirsk. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £10.60. CSF: £13.63.

3.00 (1m) 1, BROUGHTONS FORMULA (J Quinn, 9-1); 2, Rose Flyer (S Webster, 3-1); 3, I'm A Dreamer (S D Williams, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Moonstruck Bard (5th), 7 Master Sinclair (4th), 8 Girl At The Gate, 11 Arctic Guest, Lam Fort, Petered Out, 16 Hush Baby (6th), 25 Bajka, 50 Free Dancer. 12 ran. ¾l, 8l, nk, ¾l, sh hd. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £13.00; £4.30, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £19.00. CSF: £37.96. Tricast: £220.81.

3.30 (7f) 1, COMPANY CASH (M Hills, 13-2); 2, Johnston's Express (J Quinn, 8-11 fav); 3, Girton Degree (D Biggs, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Posidonemich (6th), 8 Rural Lad (4th), 20 Grubby (5th), 33 Manse Key Gold, 50 Sakosan. 8 ran. NR: Verro. 1½l, 10l, 1½l, 1l, ¾l. R Bastiman at Wetherby. Tote: £8.10; £1.70, £1.10, £3.40. DF: £3.00. CSF: £11.41. Tricast: £68.14.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, MODEST HOPE (J McLaughlin, 6-1); 2, Atlantic Way (G Bardwell, 4-1); 3, Bedouin Prince (T Williams, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Clifton Chase (5th), 13-2 Qualitair Sound (6th), 9 Sovereign Niche, 12 Master's Crown (4th), 16 Persian Fleece, 20 Unpaid Member, 50 Rupples, 66 Bolton Flyer. 11 ran. NR: Reklaw. Nk, 3½l, ¾l, 6l, 8l. R Spicer at Spalding. Tote: £7.60; £1.90, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £23.90. CSF: £29.22. Tricast: £219.58.

Placepot: £29.80.

Blazing Walker options

PETER Cheesbrough, Arthur Stephenson's successor at Bishop Auckland, is hopeful that Blazing Walker will have his first outing for two seasons at either Newcastle or Ascot on Saturday (Michael Seely writes).

The nine-year-old is engaged in both the Bittern Chase at Gosforth Park and the Grosvenor Insurance Handicap Chase at Ascot.

"All the frost has gone and we've been able to keep him on the move," a stable spokesman said yesterday. "We want to get a run into him and we're going to study the opposition before reaching a final decision."

A return to form by Blazing Walker would add even more excitement to an already intriguing Cheltenham Gold Cup situtation. In recent weeks, Run For Free, Jodami and Rushing Wild have all emerged as live threats to The Fellow.

At Aintree in 1991, Blazing Walker stamped himself as the best chaser in the country, apart from Desert Orchid, when storming home by ten lengths from Katabatic with Waterloo Boy third. So the gelding's belated reappearance is a prospect to savour.

Another treat in store at Newcastle is the appearance of Cab On Target in the £15,000 grade two Dipper Novices' Chase.

With Peter Niven out of action until February after an operation on his shoulder, Mary Reveley will have to find a replacement jockey for Cab On Target, who is rated one of the top staying novices in the country after his ten length defeat of Dusty Miller at Doncaster.

National second to be sold

TOBY Balding yesterday confirmed that Romany King, runner-up in last year's Grand National, is about to change hands.

The final details are being put together in a reported £130,000 deal which will keep the gelding, currently owned by Les Garrett, at Balding's Whitcombe stables. "A deal is in progress," Balding said. "The buyer is an undisclosed client new to the game."

The nine-year-old will remain the ride of Richard Guest, although the jockey is injured at present. Romany King has not run since finishing fourth in the SGB Chase at Ascot in December but will return to action next month.

"He will be entered in the Racing Post Chase but the National is his prime aim," Balding added. "He will have two runs between now and then."

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FA expected to 'chat' with volatile left back

West Ham meet in effort to decide the future of Dicks

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

IS JULIAN Dicks a liability or a potential football international left back? Sent off three times this season — most recently for a reckless tackle on Ted McMinn against Derby County on Sunday — the West Ham United defender ranks among England's most talented players in the position.

At 24, Dicks is some years short of his prime but he is good enough to have won two England B caps last season and is regarded as the natural successor to Stuart Pearce. Yet can a player whose career has been punctuated by eight red cards reach the top?

Earlier this season, West Ham removed Dicks from the captaincy and, yesterday, club officials were debating how to curb his over-aggressive approach. Billy Bonds, the West Ham manager, said: "I am trying to change Julian and he was being sensible — until Sunday."

Dicks shares many attributes of the England captain — scoring goals with a thunderous left-foot shot, tackling strongly and overlapping with relish. The difference is that Pearce knows when to hold back.

Tom Finn, the West Ham secretary, said: "The best thing Julian could do is talk to Pearce about controlling his aggression." Finn said that the West Ham board would discuss Dicks's problem at its next meeting and he will be fined almost two weeks wages.

"Julian's behaviour is not good enough," he said. "He knows it. He seemed to have improved and went nine games without a booking but then came Derby."

The England camp must be equally frustrated. Graham Taylor, the England manager, told Dicks last season that he was prepared to wipe clean his disciplinary slate — he was sent off in the Toulon under-21 tournament four years ago — and Dicks duly impressed on England B duty.

West Ham subsequently rejected £2 million offers from Manchester City and Chelsea for him. But he will soon have missed 11 first division matches — effectively a third of the season — through suspension.

The Football Association is expected to summon him for "a chat" in what is regarded as a final attempt by Taylor to tame a player who began his career as an apprentice at Birmingham City.

Dicks made his first division debut at 16 alongside Mark Dennis, whose poor disciplinary record curtailed a promising career. He moved to West Ham three years later.

Lou Macari, a former West Ham manager, said: "Dennis was Julian's hero and that says it all. One-to-one in my office, Julian was like a lamb. But put him with other players and he was one of the lads. He is too easily led and it could do him out of an England career."

Off the field, Dicks rides a £9,000 Harley Davidson motorbike and relishes night-clubbing. But friends have detected signs of maturity in his devotion to twin four-year-old daughters.

☐ Eric Young, the Crystal Palace defender, will miss the Premier League game with Southampton on Saturday. Young has received an automatic two-match suspension after his booking for time-wasting against Middlesbrough at Christmas took him over 20 disciplinary points.

The Wales international is also banned from the league match against Norwich City on January 27.

Clough shrugs off television obituary

BRIAN Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, last night pronounced himself "alive and kicking" after it was revealed that the BBC, acting on reports of his deteriorating health, had prepared his obituary.

"It's nice of the BBC to think about me," Clough said, "but you can tell them I am feeling fine and that, all being well, I'll be at Highbury tomorrow night [when Forest play Arsenal in a Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final]. Hopefully, I'll be around a bit longer to make a few more visits, because you never tire of going to places like Highbury."

With Neil Webb cup-tied tonight, Clough is likely to recall Terry Wilson for his first senior outing since the end of August as the only change from the side that won 1-0 at Coventry on Saturday.

Mark Draper, Notts County's England Under-21 international midfield player, is set to join Blackburn Rovers on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move to Ewood Park.

VAUXHALL FA CHALLENGE TROPHY: Second Round draw: Farnborough v Enfield; Bishop Auckland v Warrington; St Albans v Macclesfield or Witton Albion; Nuneaton Borough v Marine; Northallerton v Wealdstone or Bashley; Stevenage Borough v Grays Athletic; Billingham Synthonia v Winsford; Welling v Boston United; Gateshead v Heybridge Swifts; Kingstonian v Telford; Morecambe v Wycombe Wanderers; Sutton United v Yeading or Slough; Chesham v Dover Athletic or Hastings; Kettering or Bromsgrove Rovers v Yeovil or Dagenham and Redbridge; Gloucester v Runcorn; Stalybridge Celtic v Merthyr Tydfil.

☐ All Matches to be played on January 30.



Swiss on a roll: Mahrer, left, and Heinzer celebrate first and third places in the World Cup downhill yesterday

Swiss complete downhill double

FROM DAVID POWELL IN GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

TWO victories in World Cup downhills in two days have cheered up the Swiss. After Franz Heinzer's win on Sunday in the yellow Emmental-design ski suit — the mark of the team's new sponsors — it was Daniel Mahrer who tasted victory yesterday.

These two are the mature men of the Swiss team: Heinzer is 30 and Mahrer 31. But while Heinzer's place in the world championships next month was never in doubt, Mahrer's was, he thought.

So victory, only Switzerland's third in the men's World Cup this season, was timely.

Mahrer's best finish of the season before yesterday was ninth and, with an army of young Swiss downhillers trying to claim selection, he needed to repel them. He did. Only Mahrer and Heinzer, who was third, finished in the top 15.

"It was important for my position in the world championships," Mahrer said. It was an important race, too, for Peter Rzehak, the Austrian who finished second from 28th in the starting order.

Competition for Austrian team places is as intense as for the Swiss and Rzehak is an outside shot. "Now I have one ski on the team," he said.

Switzerland will feel comfortable having Mahrer around for the world championships, especially with Paul Accola, the overall World Cup champion, out injured. After the ignominy of the Winter Olympics last year, when Switzerland had to rely on a bronze in the combined to show on the men's Alpine medals table, there is much making up to do for a nation that has come to expect success.

In the last three world championships, Mahrer has progressed from sixth to fourth to third. This was his seventh World Cup downhill win.

Heinzer, who is trying to become the World Cup downhill champion for the third successive season, did enough yesterday to rise to the top of the standings for the first time this winter.

Mahrer jumped from seventeenth to fifth. In the downhill on Sunday, the official Garmisch race, he was 25th but, yesterday, in the replacement event for Val d'Isère, which was abandoned in a snowstorm, he found the safer piste to his liking.

Though the race was held on the same course, it had improved overnight. "The course was softer and had more grip," Mahrer said.

RESULTS: 1, D Mahrer (Switz), 1min 53.28sec; 2, P Rzehak (Austria), 1:53.57; 3, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:53.76; 4, D Ray (Fr), 1:53.85; 5, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:53.96; 6, M Wasmeier (Ger), 1:54.14; 7, P Runggaldier (It), 1:54.20; 8, A Aamlinger (Austria), 1:54.23; 9, A Steandal (Nor), 1:54.30; 10, G Mader (Austria), 1:54.40. British: 58, M Bell, 1:57.16; 65, G Bell, 1:58.91. World Cup: Overall positions: 1, Girardelli, 613pts; 2, A Tomba (It), 472; 3, K Aamodt (Nor), 428; 4, Heinzer, 318; 5, T Fogdoe (Swe), 288; 6, L Stock (Austria), 259. Downhill: 1, Heinzer, 224; 2, W Besse (Switz), 216; 3, Stock, 170.

Slalom win is boost for Britain

Emma Carrick-Anderson, the Scottish teenager, yesterday underlined her potential as one of Britain's brightest Alpine skiing prospects for years when she won the slalom event at the International Dutch championships in Flachau, Austria.

It is the best result yet for the Perthshire skier, 17, who was Britain's top performer at the Albertville Games last year. The win follows her fourth place in the Europa Cup race in Italy last week and is a timely boost before the world championships in Japan later this month.

Coach sought

Hockey: India, the eight-times Olympic champions who finished seventh in Barcelona, are seeking a foreign coach for the first time to revive the fortunes of the national side.

Dodemaide named

Cricket: The Australian cricket selectors yesterday called up the all-rounder, Tony Dodemaide, to replace the injured pace bowler, Michael Whitney, in the World Series match against Pakistan in Melbourne tonight.

Love conquers

Golf: Davis Love III recorded his fourth US PGA Tour win in the past year when he held off Tom Kite for a one-stroke victory with a 16-under-par 272 at the Tournament of Champions in California.

Perry in team

Table tennis: Alex Perry, aged 17, makes his debut in an England senior squad when he joins the quartet to face Holland in the European league at St Austell today.

Lartigue reinstated

Motor rallying: Pierre Lartigue, the Citroën driver, was let back into the Paris to Dakar rally after being accused of making an illegal petrol stop and held on to his second place overall behind Bruno Saby yesterday. The 626km sixth stage from Tsabit to Chenachen on the Algerian-Mauritanian border was won by Ari Vatanen, of Finland.

Snow's prize

Real tennis: Julian Snow, the world's top amateur from Britain, and the talented young Australian professional, Robert Fahey, won the US Open doubles championship at Tuxedo, New York State, beating Lachlan Deuchar and Mike Gooding emphatically.

Peking first

Olympic Games: Peking yesterday became the first city to submit detailed plans of its bid to host the 2000 Games. Berlin is due to present its bid to the International Olympic Committee on January 27. Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester, Sydney and Tashkent follow suit on February 1.

Boardman move

Cycling: Chris Boardman, 24, the Olympic cycling pursuit champion, is returning to his first club, North Wirral Velo.

Circumnavigators thwarted before challenge begins

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

GALE-FORCE winds have forced Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake to postpone the launching of their latest global challenger, the 85ft catamaran, ENZA New Zealand, though the flood tide at Hamble yesterday almost did the job for them. As the waters rose into the high street, the intrepid yachtsmen kept fingers crossed that the sea defences built around their multihull would hold.

"We can control most things, but not the tide," Blake, whose New Zealand yacht, Steinlager 2, scored a runaway victory in the last Whitbread round-the-world-race, said. He and Knox-Johnston have been crewmates since 1971, when they won the Cape Town to Rio race and competed together in the 1977-8 Whitbread on the British maxi, Condor.

They have teamed up again, this time to beat the French, and, more important, the fictitious 80-day record set by Phileas Fogg.

The record circumnavigation under sail stands at 109 days and Blake had plans to make the attempt next year in a 120ft monohull. That was until the French took up the idea and decided to set out immediately.

Olivier de Kersauson found backing from the exiled Italian multi-millionaire, Raul Gardini, to extend his existing trimaran, Charel, from 75 to 92ft, and Bruno Peyron gained backing from Commodore computers to campaign the 75ft catamaran, Jet Services, which holds the transatlantic record.

Blake decided to make a race of it. He dropped the monohull, bought the 75ft British-designed catamaran, Formula TAG, extended her by ten feet, and brought in Knox-Johnston as co-skipper.

They will be living in a central nacelle, which has been added to provide protection from the elements.

"We drove her quite hard on the delivery trip back across the Atlantic and found her very wet," Blake said. "I think the nacelle will make the difference between breaking the record or not."

The record requires them to average 14.5 knots. "We think that is possible — just, Knox-Johnston said. "But if it was easy, we wouldn't think of doing it.

Weather willing, they and their crew intend to set out from Brest in company with Peyron's catamaran next week.

ENZA NEW ZEALAND CREW: Co-skippers: P Blake and R Knox-Johnston. Crew: E Danby, D Alan-Williams, P Stanbridge, D Wright and G Alen.

JULIAN HERBERT



Playing patience: Knox-Johnston, left, and Blake at Hamble yesterday waiting to take to the water

OLYMPIC GAMES

Olympians alleged to be beating drug tests

THE president of the medical commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Prince Alexandre de Merode, believes that ten per cent of competitors at Olympic Games regularly take drugs to improve performances, and that only a few get caught (John Goodbody writes).

Writing in *News Olympics*, the official publication of the Belgian Olympic Committee, de Merode said the ten per cent figure excluded those who made occasional use of banned substances. He said it referred only to "regular users" and he based his belief on the controversial steroid profile.

This method of detection, which has yet to be accepted by the IOC, determines whether there has been a drop in the production of steroids in a competitor's body. If there has been a decrease, the individual seems likely to have taken hormone drugs some time before the test, even if there are no anabolic steroids actually measurable in the urine.

In Barcelona, only five of the 9,366 athletes were found to have taken banned substances. This compared with ten at the 1988 Olympics.

Questioning the performances of Chinese competitors in Barcelona, de Merode said: "China is often cited as a nation where everything is possible. Perhaps that is so — and there are far too few controls [there]. If comes down to convincing the central authorities that things have to change."

The Chinese won 54 medals, including 16 gold. One team member, Wu Tao, a volleyball player, tested positive for the stimulant strychnine and was expelled from the Games.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
ITALY							
Bardonecchia	20	120	compact	icy	cloudy	3	4/1
(Best above middle station; ice lower down; area open)							
Madesimo	40	200	compact	open	cloudy	6	8/12
(Compact on upper slopes; icy patches on lower)							
Madonna	70	120	hardpacked	open	overcast	4	5/12
(Dry snow on upper slopes; 25 of 30 lifts open)							
Selva	20	70	compact	worn	cloudy	0	8/12
(Artificial snow on lower slopes; all 82 lifts open)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	50	240	compact	open	cloudy	0	2/1
(Slick patches at all levels; 68 lifts and 70 pistes open)							
Flaine	30	200	hard	worn	overcast	5	10/12
(Lower icy; hardpacked elsewhere; 37 pistes open)							
La Rosiere	80	250	good	open	overcast	8	12/12
(Best on upper slopes; 17 lifts and 31 pistes open)							
Les Arcs	48	290	fair	open	overcast	2	12/12
(Best snow on glacier; lower slopes worn and patchy)							
Les Menuires	25	150	fair	open	cloudy	2	12/12
(Best on Mont de La Chambre; 52 lifts and 69 pistes open)							
BULGARIA							
Borovets	30	80	good	thin	windy	0	3/1
(Best above middle station; two of six lifts and all pistes open)							
Saas Fee	40	180	good	open	cloudy	2	12/12
(Hardpacked snow at all levels; best snow on glacier runs)							
Villars	2	40	fair	closed	cloudy	8	11/21
(Best above middle station, although hardpacked)							
AUSTRIA							
Innsbruck	10	90	good	worn	fair	3	12/12
(Icy on lower slopes; all lifts and pistes open)							
Ischgl	10	140	fair	worn	cloudy	2	12/12
(Dry snow on upper, lower worn; all lifts and pistes open)							
Mayrhofen	2	50	fair	closed	sunny	3	7/1
(Skiing only above middle station; slopes icy)							
UNITED STATES							
Aspen	100	120	good	open	cloudy	-5	10/1
(Dry snow at all levels; all eight lifts open)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

ATHLETICS

CWMAFAN: Richard Burton 10km road race: 1, S Brace (Bridgend), 31min 39sec; 2, G Newhams (Bridgend), 31:49; 3, J Hooper (Bridgend), 31:53.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Doncaster 52, Brixton Top Cats 46.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Nottingham Wild Cats 48, Milton Keynes Quality Cats 53; Ipswich 70, London Jets 42.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 100, New York Knicks 97; Houston Rockets 97, Utah Jazz 90; Los Angeles Clippers 104, Milwaukee Bucks 99; Miami Heat 101, Los Angeles Lakers 89.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	19	12	.613	—
New Jersey Nets	18	15	.545	2
Boston Celtics	17	17	.500	3½
Orlando Magic	14	14	.500	3½
Philadelphia 76ers	11	18	.379	7
Miami Heat	10	21	.323	9
Washington Bullets	10	22	.313	9½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Bulls	23	10	.697	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	20	13	.606	3
Charlotte Hornets	16	14	.533	5½
Detroit Pistons	16	15	.516	6
Indiana Pacers	15	17	.469	7½
Atlanta Hawks	14	17	.452	8
Milwaukee Bucks	14	18	.438	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah Jazz	21	10	.678	—
San Antonio Spurs	17	13	.567	3½
Houston Rockets	16	16	.494	6
Denver Nuggets	8	22	.267	12½
Minnesota Twolves	6	23	.207	14
Dallas Mavericks	2	28	.071	17½

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix Suns	23	5	.821	—
Seattle SuperSonics	22	8	.733	2
Portland Trail Blazers	20	10	.667	4
Golden State Warriors	18	14	.563	7
Los Angeles Lakers	18	14	.563	7
Los Angeles Clippers	16	17	.485	9½
Sacramento Kings	13	17	.433	11

BOWLS

STEVENAGE: England International trial: Reds bt Whites, 125-114 (Red skips first): J Bell 22, P J Brentnall 28; A E Thomson 23, D S Ward 17; A Allcock 21, J Hobday 16; S E Halmai 20, E Hanger 18; J Wickham 21, R Morgan 12; N Bowden 16, L Miller 23.

EGHAM TROPHY: National mixed inter-club championship: Zone finals: Zone 1: Sunderland bt Cumbria, 94-61. Zone 2: Blackpool Borough bt York, 85-71. Zone 3: Charnwood bt Newark, 84-71. Zone 4: Kingsthorpe bt Cambridge Chesterton, 85-60. Zone 5: North Walsham bt Sole Bay, 84-72. Zone 6: Tilbury bt Haverill, 93-56. Zone 7: Paddington bt Tye Green, 80-71. Zone 8: Desborough (Maidenhead) bt Bradley, 109-65. Zone 9: Rugby Thornfield bt Bentham, 74-62. Zone 10: Wey Valley bt Egham, 86-70. Zone 11: Croydon bt Sutton, 78-67. Zone 12: Dartford Stone Lodge bt Mote Park, 78-74. Zone 13: Wimbledon bt Egerton Park, 90-66. Zone 14: East Dorset bt Havant, 88-70. Zone 15: North Avon bt Victoria (Street), 75-70. Zone 16: Teignbridge beat Veryan, 110-48.

BOXING

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: IBF light-weight title: Freddie Pendleton (US) bt Tracy Spann (US), pts.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: Western Australia 440; Victoria 265 and 457-7 (A Dodemaide 123, S O'Donnell 99, J Maxwell 64 not out). Match drawn. Adelaide: South Australia 333 and 310-9 dec (D Webber 77, N Fields 57, J Siddons 62); Queensland 335-7 dec and 43-1. Match drawn.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
* W Australia	6	2	3	1	13
New South Wales	5	2	3	0	12
Queensland	5	1	3	1	12
S Australia	5	1	1	3	6
Victoria	5	0	5	0	6
Tasmania	4	0	3	1	4

* one point deducted

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: The Heaton Gold Cup: Second day: 1, C Bertschinger (Switz), 252.45sec; 2, A Ionesco (Sp), 254.65; 3, L Marenzi (US), 254.71; 4, P Berchtold (Switz), 255.18; 5, G Pfaich (Switz), 256.05; 6, R Gerosser (Switz), 256.13.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race: Leading positions (after third night): 1, U Freuler and W Stutz (Switz), 108pts; 2, K Khrabchov (Russ) and P Pieters (Holl), 249; 3, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 171.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Group three: Togo 0, Sierra Leone 0 (in Conakry).

AFRICAN SUPER CUP (in Abidjan): Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 2, Wydad Casablanca (Mor) 2 (aet, Africa Sports win 5-3 on pens).

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Germinal Ekeren 7, Boom 0; Waregem 3, Lokeren 1; Cercle Bruges 0, KV Mechelen 3; Beveren 0, FC Liège 0; Lierse 1, FC Bruges 2; AA Ghent 3, RSC Charleroi 1; Anderlecht 4, Lommel 2; Racing Genk 2, RWD Molenbeek 1; Standard Liège 1, Royal Antwerp 5. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Anderlecht, 31pts; 2, Standard Liège, 25; 3, KV Mechelen, 22.

DUTCH LEAGUE: RKC Waalwijk 2, FC Utrecht 4. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 15, 26pts; 2, FC Utrecht, 18, 23; 3, Feyenoord, 15, 21.

GREEK LEAGUE: Athinaikos 1, Apollon 0; Olympiakos 1, AEK Athens 0; Aris Salonica 1, Korinthos 1; Edessaikos 2, Iraklis 0; Panathinaikos 2, Panahaiki 0; PAOK Salonica 5, Doxa Dramas 0; Xanthi 8, Pierikos 2; Kalamaria 1, Larissa 1; Ionikos 0, OFI Crete 1. Leading positions (after 17 matches): 1, AEK Athens, 45pts; 2, Olympiakos, 40; 3, Panathinaikos, 38.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Belenenses 2, Boavista 1; Beira Mar 1, Vitoria Guimaraes 0; Farnalicao 0, Espinho 0; Sporting Braga 0, Gil Vicente 1; Setubalense 0, Farense 0; Tirsense 0, Sporting Lisbon 1; Pacos da Ferreira 0, Benfica 2; Estoril 1, FC Porto 3; CS Maritimo 2, Desportivo Chaves 1. Leading positions: 1, FC Porto, played 17, 27pts; 2, Sporting Lisbon, 16, 25; 3, Benfica, 18, 25.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Osasuna 1, Tenerife 2; Sevilla 0, Barcelona 0; Celta Vigo 1, Real Burgos 1; Rayo Vallecano 2, Sporting Gijón 2; Real Oviedo 0, Albacete 0; Cádiz 0, Deportivo La Coruña 3; Real Zaragoza 1, Logroñés 1; Atlético Madrid 1, Athletic Bilbao 1; Español 1, Valencia 1; Real Sociedad 1, Real Madrid 5. Leading positions: 1, Deportivo La Coruña, played 17, 27pts; 2, Barcelona, 16, 25; 3, Real Madrid, 17, 24.

WORLD CUP: African qualifying round: Group C: Angola 1, Zimbabwe 1. Group B: Zaire 1, Cameroon 2.

NEVILLE CHENDEN COMBINATION: Postponed: Torquay v Plymouth; Tottenham v Norwich; Charlton v Swindon; Chelsea v Luton.

GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Tournament of Champions: Final scores* (US unless stated): 272: D Love, 67, 67, 66, 69. 273: T Kite, 69, 71, 69, 64. 275: P Azinger, 65, 69, 70, 71; M O'Meara, 70, 70, 66, 67. 276: B Faxon, 71, 69, 67, 71; J Cook, 73, 69, 66, 68. 279: S Pate, 73, 66, 71, 69; D Feerman, 69, 71, 69, 71. 291: J Huston, 70, 73, 69, 70. 292: F Couples, 70, 70, 72, 70; M Calcavecchia, 68, 72, 70, 72. 293: C Beck, 71, 72, 69, 71; G Norman (Aus), 69, 70, 71, 74. 294: B Glasson, 67, 75, 70, 72. 295: C Stadler, 73, 72, 71, 69; D Peoples, 70, 71, 72, 72; G Hallberg, 70, 71, 69, 75.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers 8, Bracknell Bees 6; Fife Flyers 7, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 6; Humberside Seahawks 3, Whitley Warriors 6; Nottingham Panthers 6, Cardiff Devils 6; Brackneil Bees 5, Humberside Seahawks 3; Cardiff Devils 19, Whitley Warriors 6; Durham Wasps 4, Billingham Bombers 8; Murrayfield Racers 14, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 7. First division: Basingstoke Beavers 13, Slough Jets 3; Milton Keynes Kings 10, Telford Tigers 3; Sheffield Steelers 20, Lee Valley Lions 6; Swindon Wildcats 7, Medway Bears 5; Lee Valley Lions 5, Basingstoke Beavers 17; Sheffield Steelers 11, Milton Keynes Kings 7.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Ottawa Senators 3, San Jose Sharks 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Edmonton Oilers 0; Buffalo Sabres 5, Calgary Flames 3; Montreal Canadiens 7, Hartford Whalers 5; Winnipeg Jets 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; LA Kings 5, Chicago Blackhawks 4.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
Pittsburgh Penguins	29	11	4	62
Washington Capitals	22	17	4	48
New Jersey Devils	21	17	5	47
New York Rangers	20	18	5	45
New York Islanders	17	21	4	38
Philadelphia Flyers	16	19	6	38

Adams division

	W	L	D	Pts
Montreal Canadiens	25	15	5	55
Quebec Nordiques	24	14	6	54
Buffalo Sabres	21	15	6	48
Boston Bruins	22	16	2	46
Hartford Whalers	12	26	4	28
Ottawa Senators	4	37	3	11

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Blackhawks	29	16	6	52
Detroit Red Wings	23	19	3	49
Minnesota North Stars	21	15	9	48
Toronto Maple Leafs	18	17	7	43
St Louis Blues	16	20	6	38
Tampa Bay Lightning	15	26	2	32

Smythe division

	W	L	D	Pts
Vancouver Canucks	28	11	4	56
Calgary Flames	25	14	4	54
Los Angeles Kings	21	18	5	47
Winnipeg Jets	18	20	4	40
Edmonton Oilers	14	24	7	35
San Jose Sharks	6	35	2	14

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British championships: Under-24 singles: Final: A Robinson bt G Barker, 9-15, 15-5, 15-11, 15-8, not as stated yesterday.

REAL TENNIS

TUXEDO: US Open Doubles: Semi-finals (US unless stated): J Snow (GB) and R Fahey (Aus) bt G Bell and T Chisholm, 6-1, 6-0, 6-1; L Deucher (Aus) and M Gooding (GB) bt P de Swaistch and S Aldrich, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Snow and Fahey bt Deucher and Gooding, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

SKIING

BLACKCOMB, Canada: Freestyle World Cup: Men's aerials: 1, A Capick (Can), 219.57; 2, S Foucras (Fr), 209.72; 3, T Worthington (US), 208.44. British: 20, R Cobbing, 141.86. Women's aerials: 1, K Porter (US), 156.88; 2, H Lid (Nor), 152.95; 3, C Olivier (Can), 147.76. British: 12, J Cleary, 122.93.

TABLE TENNIS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Cleveland International open: Women's singles: Final: L Lomas (Beds) bt E Timina, (Russ), 21-16, 21-16.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales open championship: Men's singles: First round: S Stolle (Aus) bt L Jensen (US), 6-3, 6-2; D Camporese (It) bt G Doyle (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Apell (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; D Wheaton (US) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 7-6, 7-6; R Fromberg (Aus) bt W Masur (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Women's singles: First round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt K Date (Japan), 7-5, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt A Smashova (Czech Rep), 7-5, 6-2; R Zrubakova (Slovakia) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 7-5, 6-4; P Shriver (US) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; S Appelmans (Bel) bt Z Garrison-Jackson (US), 6-2, 7-5; B Rittner (Ger) bt H Sukova (Cz), 6-2, 3-6, 5-5 rtd.

AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open: Singles: First round: K Carlsen (Den) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-4, 6-0; J Ramsenthaler (Ger) bt M Damm (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt J Greenhalgh (NZ), 6-4, 6-3; M Nastase (Ger) bt S Bryan (US), 7-6, 6-3; J Morgan (Aus) bt M Filippini (Uruguay), 6-0, 6-7, 6-0; B Shelton (US) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; L Mosiar (Br) bt M Zdecke (Ger), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6.

MELBOURNE: Victorian women's open championship: First round: A Coetzer (SA) bt M Sindic (Japan), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; A Fusai (Fr) bt K Habsudova (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 6-3, 7-6; V Martinek (Ger) bt M Jaggr (GB), 6-1, 6-2; Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) bt S Stafford (US), 6-1, 1-6, 6-4; D Graham (US) bt J Ummer (Aus), 6-2, 7-5.

JAKARTA: Indonesian open championship: R Gilbert (Fr) bt C Mezzanon (Switz), 3-6, 7-5, 6-0; G Raoux (Fr) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt Suwandi (Indo), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; I Lim (Malaysia) bt M Maronna (US), 6-2, 7-5; J Siemerink (Holl) bt K Braasch (Ger), 6-3, 6-4.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women's Second round: Tonbridge Darlington 3, Puma Sunderland 0; Watchorn Alfreton 1, Eddpession Priory 2; Batchwood St Albans 0, Welwyn Spin 3; Puma Welwyn 3, Harpenden 0; Boston 0, Lakeshore Nuneaton 3; Lincoln Indoor 0, Long Road Cambridge 3; Royal Berkshire 0, Glenview Brentwood 3; Sutton Indoor 0, Riverside Chiswick 3; David Lloyd Finchley 3, BBC 0; Ealing 0, Carlton 3; March Point Southampton 3, Centrecourt Basingstoke 0.

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IN BRIEF

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast presented by Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (88367)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (29695819)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9244541) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show. Today's guests are Paul Cola and Debbie Greenwood (3346183)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4862305) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r). (Ceefax) (2412034)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. Today's edition includes a love story introduced by Barbara Cartland, keep fit exercises and a topical phone-in (s). With **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (66846201)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and chat hosted by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3589541) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24253473)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (22638)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58091102) **1.50 First Letter First.** Word game show hosted by Don Maclean (s) (58002218)
2.15 Film: The Black Orchid (1959, b/w) starring Sophia Loren and Anthony Quinn. Soap-type story set in New York's Little Italy about the romance between a gangster's widow and a local widower that is threatened by the negative attitudes of their respective son and daughter. Directed by Martin Ritt (728812)
3.50 Pinocchio. Animation (r) (9259386) **4.15 Jackanory.** Siri Neal with the first of Philippa Gregory's two-part story *Florizella and the Wolves* (s) (9789541) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (9770893) **4.35 Hangar 17.** A new series of the comedy and music show presented by Mickey Hutton. (Ceefax) (s) (3135657)
5.00 Newsround (6338251) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Children's comprehensive school drama. (Ceefax) (s) (8073251)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (609589). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (251)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (831). Northern Ireland: neighbours
7.00 Holiday presented by Jill Dando from the south of France. Elsewhere Eamonn Holmes takes a cruise in the Bahamas, Fiona Foster reports from Rhodes and *Kathy Tayler* learns to drive a steam train. (Ceefax) (s) (6522)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (265)
8.00 Citizen Smith. As part of their annual manoeuvres the Tooting Popular Front hijack a tank and drive it to Westminster. Starring Robert Lindsay (r). (Ceefax) (5270)
8.30 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Frank Bruno, Tanni Grey, Roger Black and Jeremy Guscott. (Ceefax) (s) (4305)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional neWs and weather (2541)



Maverick cop: Jimmy Nail searches for a teenager (9.30pm)

9.30 Spender: Kid. Drama series about an unconventional undercover policeman based on Tyneside. This week Spender is put on the trail of a teenage runaway. Starring Jimmy Nail and, in this episode, the former *Likely Lad* Rodney Bewes. (Ceefax) (s) (390589). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 Spender
10.25 Omnibus Special: Rudolf Nureyev. A tribute to the dancer, who died last week, includes footage of his famous performances and contributions from Natalia Makarova, Anthony Dowell, Dame Ninette de Valois, Dame Merle Park and Antoinette Sibley. (Ceefax) (6870522). Northern Ireland: Study Ireland 10.45 Omnibus; Wales 10.55-12.10 Omnibus
11.40 Film: Planet of the Apes (1968). Intelligent, inventive science fiction adventure in which Charlton Heston leads a group of astronauts through a future world where the apes are masters and the humans slaves. Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner. (Ceefax) (875831). Northern Ireland: 12.00-1.50 Film: Planet of the Apes
1.25am Weather (2053232). Ends at **1.30**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (87674) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television Preview** (83058)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4437299)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (9891909)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (90010676) **2.30 See Hear!** The second of two programmes on communities of deaf and hearing people who have no difficulty communicating with each other (r). (Ceefax) (s) (164)
3.00 News. (Ceefax) Weather (9363928) followed by **Westminster Live.** John Cole and Iain Macwhirter introduced coverage of prime minister's questions (8235744) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6778657)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Cola (s) (744)
4.30 Behind the Headlines with John Diamond (s) (928)
5.00 Germany Means Business. The second of five case histories from Europe's most successful country concentrates on attempts to launch new businesses in the former East Germany (4928)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (980)
6.00 Film: Across the Bridge (1957, b/w) starring Rod Steiger. Competent British thriller, based on a story by Graham Greene, about an international swindler on the run from Scotland Yard and the FBI. On his way to Mexico he meets a man to whom he bears a striking resemblance, murders him and assumes his identity. There is support from the reliable Bernard Lee and the director is Ken Annakin (67633218)



Prospects for a European nation: Francine Stock (7.45pm)

7.45 Europe on the Brink.
● CHOICE: Francine Stock opens a three-part "whither Europe?" special by considering the concept of a European nation. Refreshingly, her report bypasses the politicians and talks instead to historians, for a long view, and ordinary citizens, for a grassroots one. It is good to have a historical perspective, if only to emphasise what a recent invention the nation state is. Even in Britain, national identity was only forged in the 18th century. Stock explores the forces pushing Europe towards a superstate but also the barriers, the rise of regionalism and the prospect of large-scale immigration, particularly from Africa. One scenario, outlined by Professor Sir Michael Howard, is that Europe may unite for the wrong reason, to preserve the superiority of the white races. Next week's programme tackles Europe's economic future (133034)
8.30 Food and Drink. This week's programme includes recipes involving chocolate (2947)
9.00 Police Squad: King of Fear. Spoof American police series starring Leslie Nielsen (r) (808270)
9.25 Sex and Independence ... What a Revelation. A special from the BBC's Disability Programmes Unit focusing on Kim Jessup's sexual awakening in Amsterdam after living in an institution for 40 years (236541)
10.15 10 x 10: My Little Everest. A comedy drama made by the Polish Film School (r) (821541)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (392367)
11.15 Culture Clash: The Power Houses. Continuing the series on the arts/science divide (s) (445183)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (s) (386096)
12.25am Weather (5335435)

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Today's guests include Lord Linley (7687015)
9.25 Runway. Quiz (9814541) **9.55 London Today** (2498454)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion (7845855)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (64142270)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (9824454)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (1605873) **1.05 London Today** (64819560)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (455116) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (805657)
2.15 It's A Vet's Life. John Baxter discovers who looks after abandoned pets abroad (455396) **2.45 Families** (s) (7891893)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9374034) **3.15 London Today** and weather (9373305) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (3004675)
3.50 Rod 'n' Emu (r) (6673003) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (s) (5379928) **4.15 Count Duckula** (8563164) **4.40 Oasis.** Drama series about a group of children who frequent a south London wasteland. (Teletext) (s) (2257170)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3692473)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (226305)
6.00 London Tonight. The guests include Sister Sledge (30096)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (1218)
7.30 A Day in the Life Of ... Desmond Wilcox goes behind the scenes at the superstore, Harrods (s) (183)
8.00 The Bill: New Tune, Old Fiddle. Chief Superindendent Brownlow learns that the new community liaison officer and team are to be based at Sun Hill. Who will get the job? (Ceefax) (7638)
8.30 The Cook Report.
● CHOICE: The burly Roger is back to confront the world's miscreants and generally to go boldly where thinner-skinned presenters might fear to tread. Cook has come far since his often hilarious encounters with insurance touts and cowboy builders. He is after bigger villains these days, though in moving away from consumer scams he is perhaps straying too much into the territory of other shows. Forthcoming investigations into air safety and the neo-Nazis, while perfectly valid as subjects, seem more the preserve of *Panorama* or *World In Action*. But there is traditional door-stepping as well, not least tonight when he waylays an alleged mastermind behind Chinese triad protection rackets. Cook versus Britain's biggest criminal organisation is one to savour (9473)
9.00 Full Stretch. Disappointing comedy drama by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, following the fortunes of a luxury car hire company. Starring Kevin McNally (s) (6015)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (82170) **10.30 London Tonight** and weather (136893)
10.40 World in Action — Thirty Years.
● CHOICE: Granada's punchy current affairs strand gives itself a deserved pat on the back by recalling highlights of the first three decades. As a former luminary, Gus McDonald, points out, the programme broke new ground by eschewing a presenter and letting the viewer get straight to the story. The stars of the show have always been unseen: the researchers, who ferret out the material, and the directors, who supply the vivid style. *World in Action* has made its reputation on fearless investigations, sometimes contentious dramatic reconstructions and offbeat ideas such as inviting the then Conservative MP, Matthew Parris, to live on the dole for a week. Margaret Beckett, MP, a former researcher, says the programme will be a lodestone for the future of British television. Many happy returns (421218)
11.40 Carlton Sport Special. Highlights of the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final between Arsenal and Nottingham Forest (424725)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. Video releases reviewed (45936)
1.30 Film: Quatermass and the Pit (1967) starring James Donald and Andrew Keir. Classic science fiction drama about unusual prehistoric skulls discovered during London Underground excavations. Directed by Roy Ward Baker (22936)
3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (86771)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (40706) **5.00 Riviera** (30955)
5.30 ITN Morning News (32706). Ends at **6.00**



Crimes and misdemeanours: Roger Cook reports (8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules (2490909)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (45589)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (24947)
9.30 Schools (709015)
12.00 The Parliament Programme introduced by Anne Perkins (32693)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is dancer Gergory Hines (30947) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (52218)
2.00 Film: Bedtime Story (1942, b/w) starring Fredric March and Loretta Young. Sparky comedy about a jealous playwright who plots to spoil the honeymoon of his former wife. Directed by Alexander Hall. (Teletext) (738299)
3.35 Smile for Auntie. Gene Deitsch's animated version of Diane Paterson's children's book (1823706)
3.40 Waterways. The second leg of Dick Warner's six-part journey through the canals of Ireland (3305201)
4.15 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (7437763)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Marla Maples, Rod Steiger and Angie Dickinson discuss the turning points in their lives (s) (2836367)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Animation narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (983541)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Two teams in cerebral and strength tests, presented by Richard O'Brien (r) (s) (38638)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (628386)
7.50 Comment (239812)
8.00 Decisions, Decisions. Anne Kelleher discusses the role of apartner when a person decides they want to die (Teletext) (8980)
8.30 Operation Hospital. The second of a six-part series about a year in the life of King's College Hospital. (Teletext) (7015)
9.00 For Love or Money. Nicholas Ward-Jackson of Sotheby's previews the salvaged treasure from an 18th century shipwreck and reports on the cartoon collectors (228522)
9.45 Photo Romans: Marseilles — the Penitent Corpse. A short story set in Marseilles looking at the role of the Mafia in the death of Francis Zucca (469639)



Armed escort: Bob Hoskins with Cathy Tyson (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Mona Lisa (1986).
● CHOICE: Like the old Hollywood stars, Bob Hoskins has made a career out of playing one basic character, recycled with minor variations. The lovable rough diamond duly surfaces here in the guise of an ex-con who emerges from prison and gets the job of chauffeur to a black prostitute (Cathy Tyson). And you have to say that Hoskins effortlessly commands the screen, despite Tyson's fresh performance and an effective cameo from Michael Caine as a brutal gang boss. The story by David Leland and the director Neil Jordan is a bitter-sweet study of love and betrayal, played out against real and sometimes surreal locations in London and Brighton. The trip through the red light light district of King's Cross is a triumph of stylised actuality. Nat King Cole's title song is a diversion but a completely enjoyable one. (Teletext) (859473)
11.55 Dream On. Comedy series about the love life of a divorced New York publisher, starring Brian Benben (r). (Teletext) (s) (317096)
12.30am Cajun Country. Music from the swamplands south of the Mason-Dixon line (5373706) Ends at **1.35**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (3004675) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3692473) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (984305) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (183) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin In Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (3004675) **6.00** Lookaround (947) **6.30** Blockbusters (299) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (183) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3059481) **3.25** The ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin in Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (455116) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (805657) **3.20-3.50** GP (3004675) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3692473) **6.00** Home and Away (273576) **6.25-7.00** Central News (984305) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (183) **11.40** Film: The Great Waldo Pepper (Robert Redford, Bo Svenson) (979096) **1.40** Kojak (8718961) **2.35** The Big E (4609077) **3.35** Sport AM (2048619) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (9448787)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (455116) **1.45** Home and Away (805657) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (7891893) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (3004675) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3692473) **6.00** Home and Away (947) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (299) **7.30-8.00** House Style (183) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3059481) **3.25** The ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin in Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (805657) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (3004675) **6.00** HTV News (947) **6.30-7.00** Good Health! (299) **7.30-8.00** Channel Traders (183) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3059481) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin in Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales At Six **6.30-7.00** 4 X 4 **7.30-8.00** On The Road With Eleanor

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (3004675) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (947) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (299) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance (183) **11.40** Future Perfect (384635) **12.10-12.30** Coach (6390503)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (3004675) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (947) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (299) **7.30-8.00** Love at First Sight (183) **11.40** Tour of Duty (806270) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (1776348) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (9568348) **2.05** 60 Minutes (3146961) **3.00** Countdown (5678110) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (49195110) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (805657) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (30096) **7.30-8.00** Bon Voyage (183) **11.40** Crime Story (808270) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3059481) **3.25** The ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin in Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (805657) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (3004675) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (30096) **7.30-8.00** Members Only (183) **12.35** McCloud (925226) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3059481) **3.25** The ITV Chart Show (3431077) **4.15** Izzy Stradin in Profile (27824684) **4.30** Riviera (69955) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (30955)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (3004675) **5.55** Calendar (601299) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (299) **11.40** Tour of Duty (806270) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (1776348) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (9568348) **2.05** 60 Minutes (3146961) **3.00** Count Down. European music show (56785110) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles: The Alaska Earthquake of March 1964, the most powerful to hit the Northern Hemisphere (49295110) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (5534077)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (45589) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (24947) **9.30** Schools (709015) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (32693) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (53947) **1.00** Lift Off (48676) **1.30** Lundy's Golden Mile (52218) **2.00** The Late Late Show (19676) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6172637) **3.50** Monts's Disappearing Bag (9486638) **3.55** Poetry in Motion (3385134) **4.25** Slot 23 (2605134) **5.00** Countdown (9096) **5.30** One Stop From Hell. The story of the British Lions tour of Papua New Guinea (676) **6.00** News (615638) **6.10** Heno (111760) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2560) **7.30** Mas O Diwn (725) **8.00** Stell (8980) **8.30** News (747541) **8.55** Lleifior (8691368) **10.05** The Golden Girls (945580) **10.35** Hale and Pace (540305) **11.05** The Sexual Imperative: The Importance of Sex (273893) **12.05am** For Love or Money (4392226) **12.50** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45244386) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6840522) **9.10** Cartoons (1956270) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (58893) **10.00** Strike It Rich (34909) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (60763) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (53522) **12.00** Falcon Crest (81744) **1.00pm** E Street (54638) **1.30** Another World (9252655) **2.15** Santa Barbara (619560) **2.45** Maude (818831) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (615744) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6727270) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7893) **6.00** Rescue (7763) **6.30** E Street (8015) **7.00** Alf (8522) **7.30** Family Ties (4299) **8.00** Seinfeld (7270) **8.30** Anything But Love (6305) **9.00** Murphy Brown (71893) **9.30** Gabriel's Fire (32522) **10.30** Studs (38164) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (74015) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (4719034)
10.00 The Gods Must Be Crazy II (1990): An African rescues his children (22364164)
11.55 Rosebud (1975): Arab terrorists hijack a luxury yacht (84100473)
2.00 Portrait in Black (1960): Lana Turner plots to murder her husband (30034)
4.00 American Eyes (1989): A family adopts a Korean teenager (98855)
5.00 Supermom's Daughter (1990): A girl rebels against her successful mother (2589)
6.00 The Gods Must Be Crazy II (as 10am) (43068305)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (177473)
8.00 Victim of Beauty (1991): A deranged kidnapper threatens a beauty queen (22015)
10.00 Steel Dawn (1987): Futuristic adventure starring Patrick Swayze (374367)
11.40 Delta Force 2 (1990): Chuck Norris leads his brigade against drug lord Billy Drago (884454)
1.30pm Murder in Mississippi (1990): Civil rights drama (111597)
3.05 Wings of the Apache (1990): Helicopter pilots fight the drug barons (2017446)
4.30 Framed (1990): Artist Jeff Goldblum becomes involved in blackmail and forgery (79232). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm You Can't Have Everything (1937, b/w): Musical comedy starring Alice Faye as a playwright (64760)
8.00 Saint Jack (1979): An American becomes a pimp in Singapore (82993676)
10.10 Dirty Harry (1971): Maverick San Francisco cop Clint Eastwood tracks a sniper (943386). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Gallavants (1988): Cartoon about ant-like beings (87589)
9.00 Champagne Charlie (1944, b/w): The life story of George Leybourne (37096)
11.00 The Scarlet Hour (1956): A woman plans to sabotage her husband's jewellery heist (28560)
1.00pm Wake Island (1942, b/w). American servicemen dig in for a fight (31812)
3.00 Gallavants (as 7am) (33541)
5.00 Loose Connections (1983): A feminist and a chauvinist drive across Europe (65218)
7.00 Waiting for the Light (1990): Shirley MacLaine plays a medium (82789034)
8.50 Glory (1989): The story of the first black infantry battalion in the civil war (13852873)
11.00 Casualties of War (1989): Vietnam war drama starring Michael J. Fox (262183)
12.55am Man of Passion (1989): Bohemian painter Anthony Quinn makes friends with his grandson (455042)
2.35 She Said No (1990): Veronica Hamel is raped by Judd Hirsch (41266348)
5.00 A Perilous Journey (1946). Women sail to California for the gold rush (83690). Ends at **7.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (83299) **7.00** Cricket World Cup (94893) **9.00** Morning Stretch (21473) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (58015) **10.00** Gillette Sports (67251) **10.30** AMA Supercross (53251) **11.30** Morning Stretch (34386) **12.00** Golf (650560) **3.00pm** Cricket World Cup (80473) **5.00** Boots and All (9893) **6.00** Soccer News (570251) **6.03** Watersports World (37522) **7.00** Muscle Night (68831) **8.00** PGA Golf (44251) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (54638) **11.00** Motor World (25638) **11.30** Sports Special (96783) **12.00-1.00am** Badminton: Thomas Uber Cup (12351)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (33218) **8.30** Figure Skating (96183) **10.30** Step Aerobics (12725) **11.00** Skiing (68183) **12.30pm** Women's Figure Skating (633657) **3.30** Figure Skating Highlights (5947) **4.00** Skiing (42305) **5.00** Eurogoals (4589) **6.00** Figure Skating (78218) **8.00** Sailing (1638) **8.30** News (3473) **9.00** Kick Boxing (59183) **10.00** Indoor Football (81980) **11.30** News (81831)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Men's Pro Beach Volleyball (84638) **8.00** Show Jumping (85367) **9.00** Ladies Pro Bowling (90638) **10.00** Basketball (79170) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (31299) **11.30** NHL Ice Hockey (54909) **1.30pm** Top Match Football (63638) **2.30** PBA Bowling (19742) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (8893) **4.00** Monster Trucks (7928) **4.30** Basketball (44744) **5.30** Football Europa (7164) **6.00** Gillette World Sport (7305) **6.30** NFL American Bowl (72164) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (6947) **9.00** Pro Box (45980) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (16980) **11.30-1.30am** Snooker (95183)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (90589) **10.30** Rambo (10367) **11.00** Gloss (26367) **11.30** The Joan Rivers Show (6922299) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1258473) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (77413096) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42332454) **2.10** Braken (8640247) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (1251) **3.30** Burns and Allen (3589) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke Show (2096) **4.30** Gameshows (39812) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (5560) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (53560) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (759270) **10.00** Videos (1566947) **2.30am** Top Five (89435)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57040676) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57038831) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (9129589) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (2582367) **7.30** Neighbours (2594102) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5147218) **8.30** EastEnders (5146589) **9.00** The Bill (5120541) **9.30** Ponmamc (8465183) **10.30** Casualty (5126299) **11.30** Terry and June (1819639) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5140305) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7802744) **1.00** EastEnders (2581638) **1.30** The Bill (7801015) **2.00** Porridge (11268121) **2.30** Bread (7904251) **3.00** Dallas (7019675) **4.00** Beverly Hills Teens (7908831) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7924015) **5.00** Neighbours (1117164) **5.30** Dr Who: The Genesis of the Daleks (1/4) (7915367) **6.00** Ponmamc (7810763) **7.00** Porridge (1137908) **7.30** Terry and June (7925744) **8.00** EastEnders (1146676) **8.30** Bread (1125183) **9.00** Casualty (1928034) **10.00** The Bill (5141034) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (5127454) **11.00** The Goodies (3619819) **11.30** Film: From This Day Forward (1946, b/w). Joan Fontaine and Mark Stevens reminisce about their early years together during the Depression (6077367) **1.10am** Video Bites (3688058)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew MacGregor with music, news, weather and arts news. Including Pachelbel (Partita: Musica Antiqua Köln); Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191: Klaus Thunemann; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Smetana (Overture and Dance of the Comedians, The Bartered Bride: Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann); Haydn (Symphony No 7 in C, Le Midi: Hanover Band under Roy Goodman)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Bohemians in Vienna. Leopold Kozeluh (Hunting fanfare: Detmold Horn Players); Frantisek Krommer (Wind Sextet in E flat, Sestetto Pastorale: Consortium Classicum); Pavel Vranicky (String Quartet in B flat, Op 16 No 1: Stamic Quartet); Gyrowetz (Sinfonia concertante in F: Pardubice Chamber PO under Petr Altrichter, with Jan Adamus, oboe)
10.00 Morning Sequence; Bach (Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D minor, BWV 903: Claudio Arrau, piano); Bernstein (Ballet, Fancy Free: New York PO under the composer); Britten (Suite on English Folk Tunes, A Time There Was ...: New York PO under Bernstein); Bartók (Contrasts: Joseph Szigeti, violin, Benny Goodman, clarinet, the composer, piano); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 111: Claudio Arrau); Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Op 56a: New York PO under Bernstein)
12.00 Sonatas and Anthems: The Purcell Quartet performs early English sonatas by William Young and Henry Butler and the Choir of New College, Oxford under Edward Higginbottom sings anthems by Blow (I beheld, and lo a great multitude); Humfrey (By the waters of Babylon); Purcell (My Beloved Spake) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur performs Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor: Elisabeth Leonskaya); Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minor)
2.40 James Bowman: A Twentieth-Century Voice. The countertenor talks to Brian Kay about singing the music of Benjamin Britten (r)
3.40 Debut: Marie-Noëlle Kendall, piano, plays Haydn (Sonata in C, HXVI 50); Brahms (Four Ballades, Op 10)
4.30 The Myth-Maker
● CHOICE: The eight myths that Ian Carr is featuring in his new series are jazz greats such as Satchmo (today) and Benny Goodman (next week). The myth-maker in every case is George Avakian, the American producer of many of their most famous recordings, some of which — Satchmo's *Mac the Knife* is a prime example — are encrusted with legends. Recounted by Avakian, they prove to be no more incredible than the truth
5.00 In Tune: Michael Berkeley's guest is the composer and conductor Pierre Boulez
7.25 The Adventures of Mr Broucek, live from the Coliseum. The English National Opera and Chorus under Charles Mackerras perform Act 1 of Janáček's opera about the magical excursions of a middle-aged, middle-class Prague landlord who travels to the moon and back. With Graham Clark in the title role. **8.35** The Background to Broucek. **8.55** Act 2
10.00 Words: Richard Hoggart reflects on language and its usage
10.05 Bach: Partita No 3 in A minor, BWV 827, and French Suite No 6 in E, BWV 817 (Virginia Black, harpsichord)
10.45 Night Waves: Tony Palmer considers what film-makers can bring to the theatre, and why theatre directors try their hand at film
11.30 Prokofiev — The Ballets: On The Dnieper (USSR Ministry of Culture Symphony Orchestra under Rozhdestvensky); Waltz Suite, Op 110 Nos 1, 3 and 5 (Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Järvi)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (as Radio 5 at 1.05pm) **2.30-3.00 Night School Extra:** English study texts: *Hobson's Choice*

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5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30am John Cole in the Lakes (FM only) (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Paradise Regained (LW only): John Milton's sequel to *Paradise Lost* (8/9)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets General Eva Burrows, leader of the Salvation Army; explores the concept of ballerinas; and talks to Leleti Khumalo, who stars in the film *Serafina*. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm The Older Woman: Tony Bagley's comedy-drama stars Zoë Wanamaker as Miss Callaghan, Martin Clunes as Roy Hitchcock and Toyah Willcox as Elsa. A provincial journalist meets his former English teacher and fantasises about winning her against all the odds (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Heads, by Colin Haydn Evans. An archaeologist (Haydn Gwynne) uncovers a relic from Celtic Britain. She would very much like to put it back (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with cellist Raphael Wallfisch and violinist Elizabeth Wallfisch (s)
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only): Joanna Buchan talks to people whose lives revolve around the highway (s)
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Michael Coren's biography of H.G. Wells; Harriet Gilbert makes her selection of first novels; and Paul Vaughan visits the Claude Rogers exhibition in Bristol (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Mama Chorus, by Dilys Rose. Read by Louise Beattie
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Second Thoughts: Unhappy Returns. Comedy starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Brothers: Anthony Howard traces the turbulent history of the trade union movement since the second world war (2/3) (s)
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Miles Kington Interview
● CHOICE: Because Miles Kington scripted this interview with Robinson Crusoe, he is able to indulge in a rare kind of self-congratulation when the castaway thanks him for not asking what disc he might have taken to his desert island. And because Kington cheerfully wallows in anachronism in these chats with real and imaginary celebrities, he does not sound at all put out when Crusoe talks of radio waves, Darwin, Wordsworth coffee bars, and those 20th-century environmentalists who would brand his island existence as an ecological disaster
8.45 In Touch advises on how to complain about poor service from opticians
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Tim Bowler (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Read by Ian Holm (2/10)
11.00 Stanza: On Stage. Andrew McAllister introduces a poetry reading with Wendy Cope and Gavin Ewart from the King's Lynn poetry festival (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
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SPORT

Cricket tour left in confusion

England's first international game called off

FROM PETER BALL IN DELHI

ENGLAND'S cricket tour programme was in confusion last night as the Indian board of control bowed to the inevitable and cancelled Saturday's first one-day international in Ahmedabad. A decision on rescheduling it is expected this morning.

The team learnt of the decision yesterday evening when they arrived at their hotel here in preparation for tomorrow's one-day match against the Indian board President's XI, their only one-day match before the internationals were due to start.

"I got a phone call from Mr Nagaraj, the board's secretary, within ten minutes of coming into the hotel," Bob Bennett, the tour manager, said last night. "We had a visit from two members of the board within half an hour."

Until yesterday, the Indian board had been insisting, in the face of increasing evidence to the contrary, that the game could go ahead in Ahmedabad, where the violence between Muslims and Hindus since the razing of the temple in Ayodhya has escalated to produce more than 40 deaths in the last four days. Yesterday, Surinder Sharma, the secretary of the Gujarat Cricket Association, who were staging the game, contacted Nagaraj and said that it was no longer possible for them to host the match.

There is no doubt that the decision is correct, nor that it will be widely welcomed, not least by the players. "This news will make one or two of the boys very happy," John Emburey said last night. "I wasn't too worried personally. I wanted the tour to go ahead as scheduled, but some of the boys were worried about it."

The final straw was the killing of six policemen yesterday. With a curfew already in force, that development left the police unable to guarantee the team's security. The decision has, however, produced cricketing problems.

The board's initial decision was to postpone Saturday's game. Nagaraj announced that the one-day series would begin with Monday's match at Jaipur, originally the second in the series. "There is not enough time to shift the venue," he said.

The Delhi Cricket Association immediately volunteered to stage the game on Saturday. With everything already in place for tomorrow's match, a Test ground holding over 25,000 and the touring team already in the city, that seemed the logical outcome.

The board's alternative proposal was for the game to be rescheduled later in the tour, with a date being found before either the second Test in Madras, or even the first Test in Calcutta at the end of this month. England have rejected that option.

"We don't believe either of those are suitable," Bennett said. "Board officials made those suggestions, but they would involve altering the Test match dates and we will not agree to that. We said that unless they come up with an option to play somewhere this Saturday, we have a very tight schedule and we don't see how the match could be fitted in."

The Indian board will be reluctant to abandon the game, because it is part of the television package which has been sold to BSkyB, and a failure to produce it would have financial repercussions. They have promised to come back to Bennett with a proposal by 11am today.

The England players are desperate for some cricket, and if the game is not rescheduled for Saturday, either in Delhi, back in Lucknow, or in Jaipur, they will try to find alternative opposition. "We need practice," Graham Gooch said.

The Indian selectors caused a surprise yesterday when they reappointed Mohammad Azharuddin as captain, if only conditionally. He has been given the job for the first two (or three) one-day internationals and the first Test.

India have won only one Test out of 17 under him, and he was expected to carry the can for the poor displays in South Africa, where they lost the Test and one-day series. Instead, he has a stay of execution. "The captain alone should not be blamed," Gundappa Viswanath, the chairman of selectors, said.

Manjrekar and More have been dropped for the one-day internationals, while Shastri is recovering from his operation in South Africa. Kambli and Sidhu have come in after scoring 50s for the President's XI against England at Lucknow over the weekend.

PARTY: M Azharuddin (capt), N S Sidhu, W V Raman, S R Tendulkar, V G Kambli, P K Amre, V Yadav, Kapil Dev, M Prabhakar, J Srinath, A Kumble, S L V Raju, R Chauhan, S A Ankola.

☐ Peter Such, a spinner, and Jack Russell, the wicketkeeper, have beeen passed fit for the England A tour of Australia.



GRAHAM MORRIS

Troubled times: Bennett, the England tour manager, and Gooch, the captain, reflect on yesterday's decision to cancel the game in Ahmedabad

View is different from a safe distance

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, believes that a sense of isolation will be influencing the judgment of the England cricketers in India

WHENEVER a cricket tour hits trouble, whether through playing matters or politics, failure or fear, one thing can be guaranteed. Those directly involved will view the situation in a very different light to those observing from afar.

Current events in India provide the classic example. Take a straw poll among the 16 England cricketers in the touring party and it is a safe bet that the majority vote would be to come home tomorrow, leaving behind the dangers, real or imagined, of proceeding with their fixture list amid the killings and carnage peppering the country under the banner of religion.

The armchair follower of the tour will jib at such an attitude. Eager as he is to tune in to the action on his satellite television, or his radio, he will already have bemoaned the cancellation of the opening one-day international on Saturday and will be sceptical about the players' worries, if not totally indifferent to them.

Finding myself a temporary member of the latter group, I can sympathise with their opinion. There seems, from this range, to be no direct threat to the players and so no pressing reason to endorse the rumblings from within that the mission should be abandoned forthwith. If I were in India myself, however, I have little doubt that my reactions would be more militant.

Every cricket tour creates its shared outlook on life, which is born as a buoyant, motivational team spirit but can easily develop into a depressed paranoia — in short, a persecution complex. The fires of such a complex are stoked regularly and naturally on tour because here we have a group of men thrown together for several months in what, when the subcontinent is concerned, can be unfamiliar proximity and uncomfortable conditions. Hence, claustrophobia. Granted little other than their own company, the grouses are amplified.

The most common subject for the siege mentality is umpiring. Hardly a tour takes place, nowadays, without the visiting side harbouring dark thoughts about home officials. All too often, the thoughts translate to words and actions that are construed more rationally from a distance than they may be within the seething dressing-room. In Pakistan five winters ago, an England team was shamed. Both Gatting and Broad, had they been Pakistanis on tour in England, could have expected a media campaign for an early ticket home. Yet the England party refused to acknowledge the unforgivable lapses.

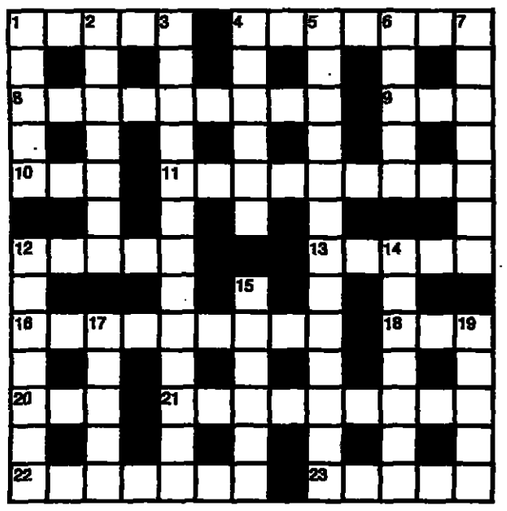
There have been parallels on the many occasions, in recent years, when politics, terrorism and now religious violence have threatened and players have responded in what, from the living-room at home, may have seemed a melodramatic way.

When Robin Jackman was deported from Guyana in 1981, the England party, myself included, became convinced that such a generally ugly mood had developed against them that the tour should be stopped. Three years later, the assassination of Mrs Ghandi in India persuaded most of the England team, under David Gower, that they should fly home immediately. Even late last year, when a bomb exploded near the New Zealanders' hotel in Sri Lanka, most of the players wanted to abandon ship, and some did so.

The thing about the present dilemma is that, like the others mentioned, there is no right and wrong. The players cannot be criticised for voicing their fears, even for overdramatising, because they are simply reacting to an atmosphere of isolation in which it is easy to believe the world is against you.

That, equally, does not mean there is any necessity for the tour to be aborted. Not yet, anyway. But if the violence continues to escalate and spread so that much more of the existing itinerary becomes unsafe and unworkable, then nobody should hesitate. We are, after all, sending sportsmen to play, not soldiers to war.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible conclusion from the game Short — Adams, London 1991. This clash of England's two hottest prospects resulted in a victory for the more experienced Nigel Short. How did he intend to finish off here?



Solution on page 36

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TOADO
a. A toe manicure job
b. A Japanese game
c. A poisonous fish

PILI
a. A Hawaiian ball game
b. A thatch
c. Indonesian pudding

CARRICKMACROSS
a. An Irish rugby kick
b. A hack horse
c. A kind of lace

KHADDAR
a. Curried veg
b. Homespun cloth
c. A guerrilla fighter

Answers on page 36

Information supplied by Sid Hollins

Sophie's choice gives the girls a sporting chance

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE resounding crash of a fallen bastion meant little other to schoolgirl Sophie Cox yesterday than the opportunity to go to Wembley and play rugby league, the game she loves.

While more girls are being tempted by the sport, none has been so good as to test the "boys only" ruling at representative level, until the appearance in the Rochdale Schools under-11 side this season of one Sophie Cox.

Sophie's success simply resurrected the prejudices regarding equal opportunities. When the North West Counties Schools Rugby League saw her name nominated at half back for the regional schools' team, it immediately cried "foul" and slapped a ban on her playing further games for Rochdale.

This denied Sophie a chance to play at Wembley, for the curtain-raiser to the Challenge Cup final on May 1. While continuing to train with the boys, she petitioned the Women's Sports Foundation, and Ian McCarney, MP, chairman of the parliamentary rugby league group.

The English Schools Rugby League saw the light and decided at a special meeting to rescind the ban, and will look to alter its constitution to accommodate both sexes.

Sophie celebrated her victory fittingly, scoring three tries for Sedgley Park under-11 at rugby union, at which she also excels. Girls willing to extend their sporting horizons have been shown the way and for Sophie, it is all "absolutely brilliant". Next on the list? A world judo title. Mark the name.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Ground-breaker: Sophie Cox works on her skills yesterday in preparation for a Wembley turn-out

Tottenham line up Wright

BY IAN ROSS

TOTTENHAM Hotspurs' search for a centre back of proven ability is likely to take them to Merseyside this week to enquire officially about the availability of Mark Wright, the England international defender, who is valued at £1.5 million.

Although Ray Clemence and Doug Livermore, the public face of Tottenham's managerial team, were initially prepared to wait until the summer to vet players who were out of contract, Saturday's emphatic 4-1 defeat by Manchester United at Old Trafford has, it would seem, prompted a swift rethink.

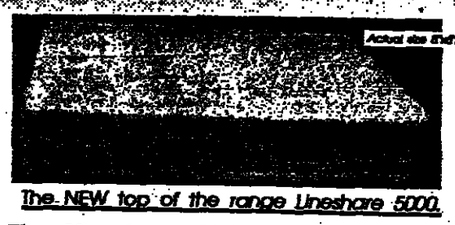
Wright's fate at Anfield has been the subject of much debate and speculation since he lost his regular first-team place following the arrival of Torben Piechnik, an influential member of Denmark's European championship-winning squad.

Having invested £2.2 million in Wright when he purchased him from Derby County 18 months ago, Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, has been understandably reluctant to discuss any aspect of the player's future of late.

However, it is now accepted that Wright is not only surplus to requirements at a club that is still rebuilding, but that he would also be available for transfer if the right offer were forthcoming.

If Wright leaves Anfield, Liverpool would seek to replace him by signing Richard Jobson, Oldham Athletic's highly rated central defender.

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